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OBSERVATIONS **(Regional and Statewide)**

Consumer and Case Counts

- At the end of the 4th Quarter of FY'2005, DSS had 23,490 open cases (1,797 adoption cases and 21,693 clinical cases). A total of 75,326 consumers (35,264 adults and 40,062 children) were being served. Case counts ranged from 3,122 in the Boston Region to 4,929 in the Southeastern Region. **(Table 1)**
- Over the past four quarters, there was little overall change in the DSS client population (statewide). The typical pattern is a drop in consumers in the summer quarter (Q1) followed by a rise in consumers during the school quarters (Q2-Q4). These quarterly fluctuations are related to the rise and fall of child abuse and neglect reports and investigations throughout the year. **(Figs. 1 and 2 on page 5, Figs. 20 and 21 on page 53)**

Consumers in Placement

- There were 10,640 individuals in placement on the last day of the 4th Quarter of FY'2005. Included in this count are 9,474 children (less than 18 years old) and 1,166 young adults (18 to 23 years old). **(Table 1)**
- The placement population was distributed across DSS service regions as follows: 21% in the Western Region, 20% in the Southeastern Region, 17% in the Northeastern Region, 14% in the Metro Region, 13% in the Central Region, and 12% in the Boston Region. **(Table 1)**
- Statewide, 24% (9,474) of all children (less than 18 years old) with open cases were in placement. The regional statistics for children in placement as a proportion of all children receiving services were: 27% in the West, 24% in the Southeast, 23% in Metro, 23% in the Northeast, 21% in Central, and 19% in Boston. **(Table 2)**
- Of all children less than 18 years old receiving services, the Pittsfield, Fall River, Springfield, Holyoke, and Lowell Area Offices had the highest proportions in placement. The lowest proportions of children in placement were found at the Harbor, Lawrence, Malden, Park Street, and North Central Area Offices. **(Table 2)**
- Most of the DSS regions displayed slight losses in placement children and small gains in non-placement children over the four quarters of FY'2005. **(Figs. 3 and 4)**

Age, Sex, Race, and Preferred Language of Consumers

- On the last day of the 4th Quarter of FY'2005, the consumer population included 40,062 (53%) children less than 18 years old and 35,264 (47%) adults 18 years or older. Fifty-three percent of all consumers were identified as female, 46% as male, and 1% were unspecified as of the run-date. Forty percent (15,856) of all children were adolescents (12 to 17 years old). **(Table 1, Fig. 5)**
- The number of female children in the DSS caseload was approximately equal to the number of male children. In contrast, the ratio of female to male adults was 1.5:1. **(Fig. 5)**
- The statewide caseload was comprised of 56% White, 16% Black, 2% Asian, and less than 1% Native American consumers. Race was unspecified for 24% of the consumers. **(Table 3A, Figs. 6A and 6B)**
- Of the total consumer population, 22% (16,827 consumers) were of Hispanic origin. Regionally, the highest proportions of Hispanic consumers were in the West, Northeast, and Boston. **(Table 3B, Figs. 6C and 6D)**
- The Boston Region's caseload was comprised of 47% Black and 23% White consumers (4,637 and 2,239 consumers, respectively). Asians were most prominent in the Northeast--7% of the caseload (986 consumers, mainly Cambodian). **(Table 3A, Figs. 6A and 6B)**
- The Western, Northeastern, and Boston Regions had the highest proportions (and numbers) of Spanish-speaking consumers, 8% (1,145 consumers), 8% (1,104), and 8% (777), respectively. Khmer (Cambodian) was the preferred language of 460 DSS consumers (1%). Khmer-speaking consumers were mainly concentrated in the Northeast. Other languages and their regions of highest prevalence were Portuguese (Southeast and Metro), Haitian Creole (Metro and Boston), Cape Verdean Creole (Southeast and Boston), Vietnamese (Boston, Central, and Northeast), and Lao (Northeast). **(Table 4)**

- Consumers with the primary languages Khmer Cambodian and Haitian Creole showed the greatest increases from 1987 to 2005 (See table below). Chinese-, Portuguese-, Lao-, and Cape Verdean Creole-speaking consumers displayed the largest declines over this period.

STATEWIDE

Primary Language	Consumers July 1987 No.	Consumers June 2005 No.	Change %
English/Unspecified*	60,784	67,963	12%
Spanish	3,664	4,214	15%
Khmer Cambodian	253	460	82%
Portuguese	530	287	-46%
Haitian Creole	175	214	22%
Vietnamese	146	142	-3%
Cape Verdean Creole	174	113	-35%
Chinese	71	36	-49%
American Sign Language	47	38	-19%
Lao	30	17	-43%
Other	213	1,842	765%
Total	66,087	75,326	14%

*When a primary language was unspecified, it was presumed to be English.

TABLE 1. CASE AND CONSUMER COUNTS BY LOCATION AND DSS REGION: FY'2005, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/05)

		DSS Geographic Region						Adoption		Total
		West	Central	Northeast	Metro	Southeast	Boston	Contracts ⁽¹⁾	Other ⁽²⁾	
Case Counts:										
Adoption		397	228	253	242	337	191	148	1	1,797
Clinical		3,946	3,037	3,852	3,294	4,592	2,931	6	35	21,693
Total		4,343	3,265	4,105	3,536	4,929	3,122	154	36	23,490
Consumer Counts:										
Adults: ⁽³⁾										
In Placement: ⁽⁴⁾	Foster/Residential Care ⁽⁵⁾	190	110	227	170	199	200	---	23	1,119
	Other ⁽⁶⁾	6	5	6	5	13	12	---	---	47
	Total in Placement	196	115	233	175	212	212	---	23	1,166
	Not in Placement	6,120	5,025	5,943	5,226	7,539	4,233	---	12	34,098
Total Adults		6,316	5,140	6,176	5,401	7,751	4,445	---	35	35,264
Children:										
In Placement: ⁽⁴⁾	Foster/Residential Care ⁽⁵⁾	1,923	1,189	1,505	1,253	1,865	937	252	5	8,929
	Other ⁽⁶⁾	48	41	66	28	49	61	---	---	293
	On the Run	82	26	42	20	42	40	---	---	252
	Total in Placement	2,053	1,256	1,613	1,301	1,956	1,038	252	5	9,474
Not in Placement		5,581	4,676	5,502	4,240	6,225	4,357	3	4	30,588
Total Children		7,634	5,932	7,115	5,541	8,181	5,395	255	9	40,062
Total		13,950	11,072	13,291	10,942	15,932	9,840	255	44	75,326

⁽¹⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.

⁽²⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

⁽³⁾ Adults are consumers 18 years or older.

⁽⁴⁾ Children and young adults in the care/custody of DSS. "Adults" in Foster/Residential Care are being transitioned to the Departments of Mental Health (DMH) and Mental Retardation (DMR) or are supported by DSS until graduation from a full-time school or vocational training program (through age 23 for a Bachelor's Degree).

⁽⁵⁾ See Tables 5A, 5B, and 5C for a breakdown by type of placement.

⁽⁶⁾ "Other" includes non-referral locations such as hospitals and other state agencies.

FIGURE 1. CASE COUNT BY DSS REGION
 (FY'2005, End of 1ST QUARTER to FY'2005, End of 4TH QUARTER)

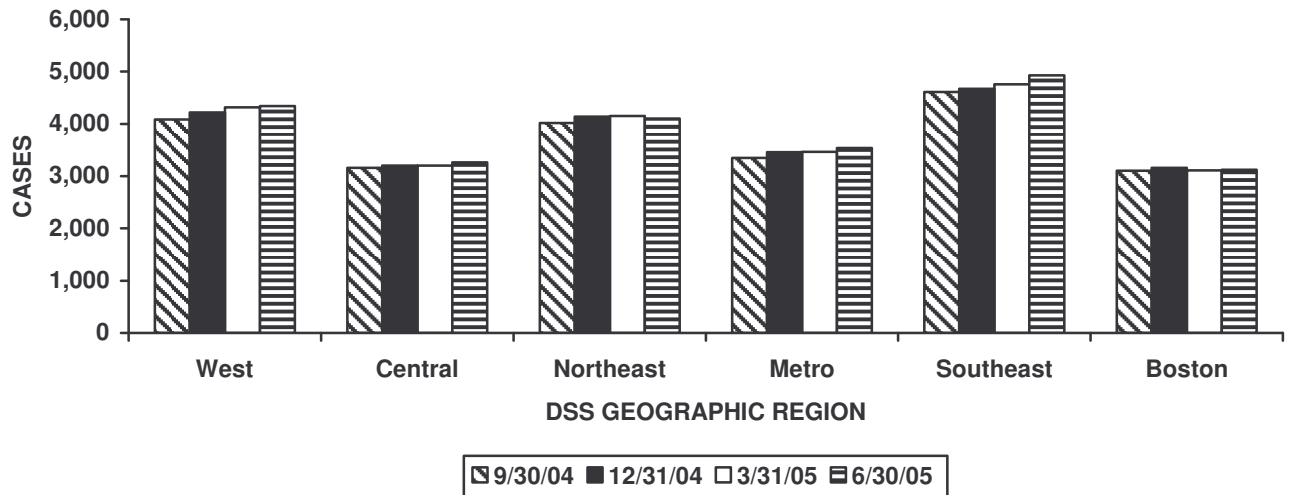


FIGURE 2. CONSUMER COUNT BY DSS REGION
 (FY'2005, End of 1ST QUARTER to FY'2005, End of 4TH QUARTER)

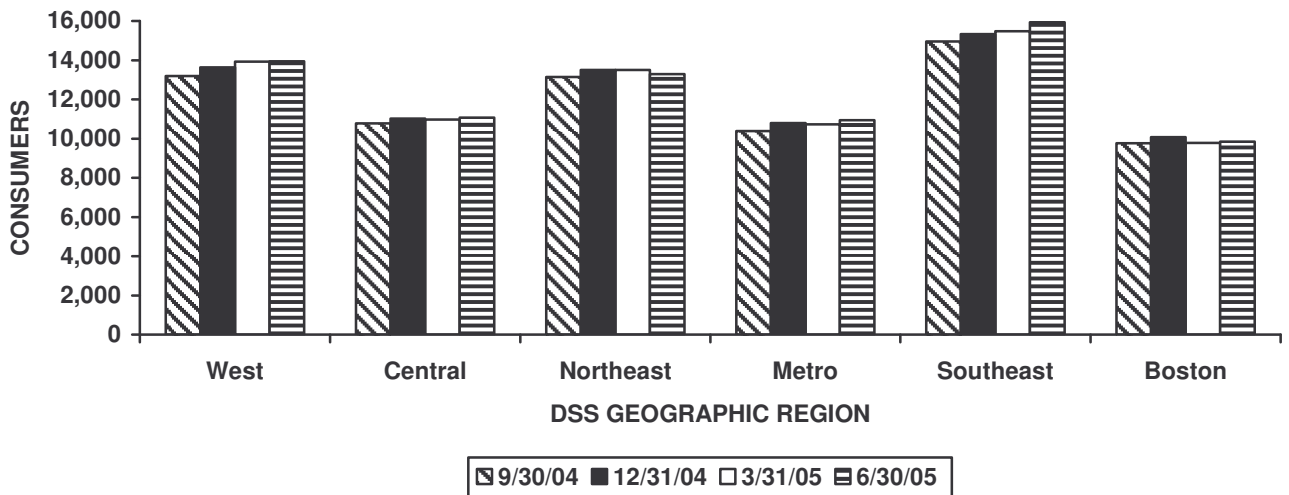
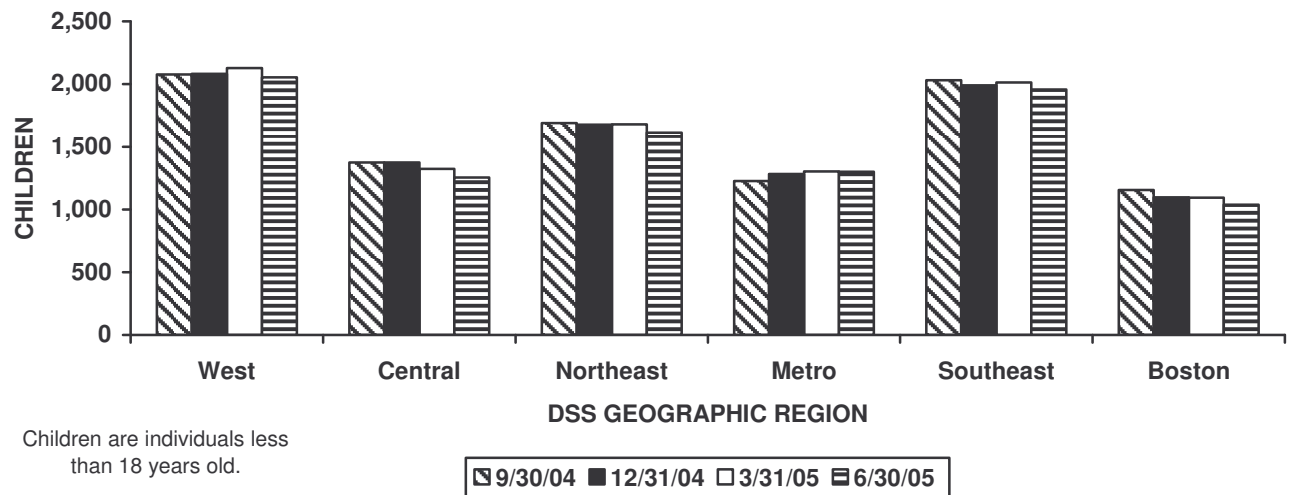


TABLE 2. CHILD⁽¹⁾ CASELOAD BY DSS AREA OFFICE: FY'2005, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/05)

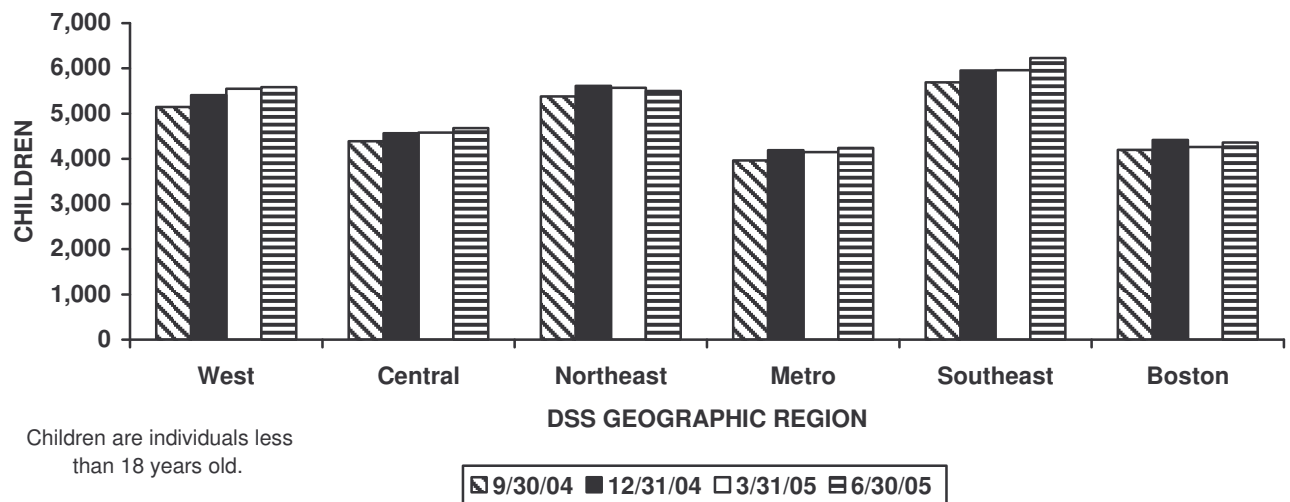
DSS Region/Area	Not in Placement	In Placement	Total Child Caseload	% in Placement
Pittsfield	754	351	1,105	32%
Greenfield	836	317	1,153	27%
Holyoke	1,289	512	1,801	28%
Robert Van Wart	1,424	361	1,785	20%
Springfield	1,269	512	1,781	29%
Contracted Agencies	9	---	9	---
Western	5,581	2,053	7,634	27%
North Central	1,761	374	2,135	18%
South Central	1,336	380	1,716	22%
Worcester	1,574	502	2,076	24%
Contracted Agencies	5	---	5	---
Central	4,676	1,256	5,932	21%
Lowell	1,156	439	1,595	28%
Lawrence	1,518	321	1,839	17%
Cape Ann	995	296	1,291	23%
Haverhill	885	227	1,112	20%
Lynn	944	328	1,272	26%
Contracted Agencies	4	2	6	33%
Northeast	5,502	1,613	7,115	23%
Malden	1,158	255	1,413	18%
Framingham	695	248	943	26%
Cambridge	648	242	890	27%
Arlington	892	255	1,147	22%
Coastal	826	296	1,122	26%
Contracted Agencies	21	5	26	19%
Metro	4,240	1,301	5,541	23%
Attleboro	740	237	977	24%
Brockton	1,261	328	1,589	21%
New Bedford	1,514	463	1,977	23%
Fall River	1,040	461	1,501	31%
Plymouth	832	208	1,040	20%
Cape Cod	831	258	1,089	24%
Contracted Agencies	7	3	10	30%
Southeast	6,225	1,956	8,181	24%
Hyde Park	817	245	1,062	23%
Dimock Street	977	253	1,230	21%
Park Street	1,364	303	1,667	18%
Harbor	1,199	235	1,434	16%
Boston	4,357	1,038	5,395	19%
Adoption Contract Region	3	252	255	99%
Other ⁽²⁾	4	5	9	56%
Total	30,588	9,474	40,062	24%

⁽¹⁾ Children are less than 18 years old.⁽²⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

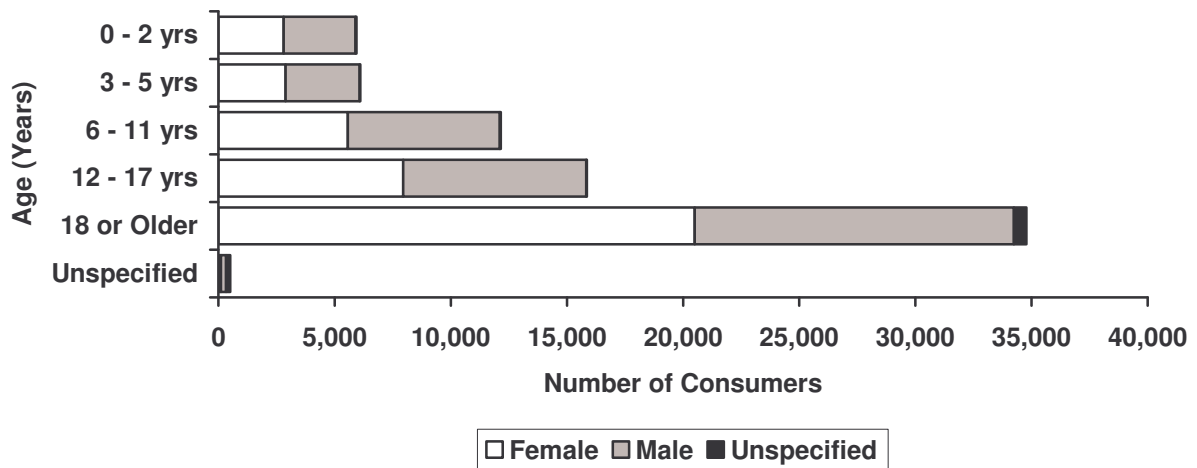
**FIGURE 3. CHILDREN IN PLACEMENT BY DSS REGION
(FY'2005, End of 1ST QUARTER to FY'2005, End of 4TH QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 4. CHILDREN NOT IN PLACEMENT BY DSS REGION
(FY'2005, End of 1ST QUARTER to FY'2005, End of 4TH QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 5. AGE AND SEX OF CONSUMERS: STATEWIDE
FY'2005, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/05)**



Age (Yrs)	Sex			Total
	Female	Male	Unspecified ⁽¹⁾	
0 - 2	2,810	3,084	39	5,933
3 - 5	2,888	3,190	25	6,103
6 - 11	5,563	6,548	38	12,149
12 - 17	7,944	7,886	26	15,856
18 or older	20,505	13,729	545	34,779
Unspecified ⁽¹⁾	114	217	175	506
Total	39,824	34,654	848	75,326

⁽¹⁾ Unspecified includes 485 adults and 21 children whose ages were unknown and 848 consumers whose gender was not specified as of the run date.

TABLE 3A. RACE OF CONSUMERS BY DSS REGION: FY'2005, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/05)

Race	DSS Geographic Region												Adoption				Total	
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston		Contracts ⁽¹⁾		Other ⁽²⁾			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		
White	7,759	56%	7,225	65%	7,450	56%	7,002	64%	10,230	64%	2,239	23%	133	52%	2	5%	42,040	56%
Black	1,500	11%	887	8%	932	7%	1,611	15%	2,183	14%	4,637	47%	61	24%	35	80%	11,846	16%
Asian	65	*	150	1%	986	7%	207	2%	153	1%	245	2%	3	1%	---	---	1,809	2%
Native American	21	*	15	*	20	*	8	*	52	*	16	*	---	---	---	---	132	*
Other ⁽³⁾	19	*	5	*	8	*	10	*	10	*	6	*	1	*	---	---	59	*
Multi-Racial	299	2%	224	2%	313	2%	224	2%	316	2%	162	2%	22	9%	---	---	1,560	2%
Unspecified	4,287	31%	2,566	23%	3,582	27%	1,880	17%	2,988	19%	2,535	26%	35	14%	7	16%	17,880	24%
Total	13,950	100%	11,072	100%	13,291	100%	10,942	100%	15,932	100%	9,840	100%	255	100%	44	100%	75,326	100%

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

⁽¹⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.

⁽²⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

⁽³⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

TABLE 3B. HISPANIC/LATINO ORIGIN OF CONSUMERS BY DSS REGION: FY'2005, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/05)

Origin	DSS Geographic Region														Adoption Contracts ⁽²⁾		Other ⁽²⁾		Total	
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston									
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%				
Hispanic/Latino ⁽¹⁾	4,349	31%	2,499	23%	4,012	30%	1,396	13%	1,666	10%	2,829	29%	75	29%	1	2%	16,827	22%		
Not Hispanic/Latino	6,777	49%	6,699	61%	7,531	57%	7,179	66%	10,789	68%	5,548	56%	167	65%	41	93%	44,731	59%		
Unspecified	2,824	20%	1,874	17%	1,748	13%	2,367	22%	3,477	22%	1,463	15%	13	5%	2	5%	13,768	18%		
Total	13,950	100%	11,072	100%	13,291	100%	10,942	100%	15,932	100%	9,840	100%	255	100%	44	100%	75,326	100%		

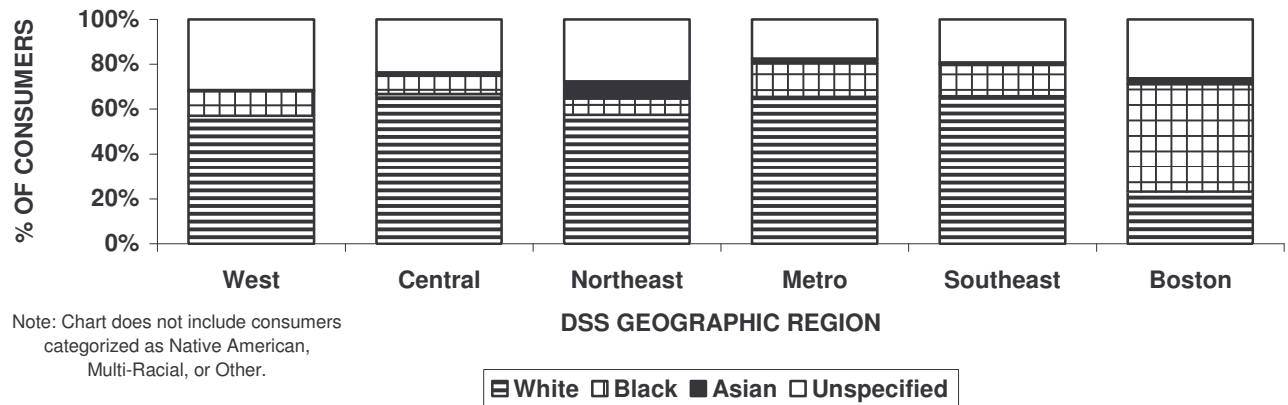
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⁽¹⁾ Consumers of any race who self-identify as being of Hispanic origin.

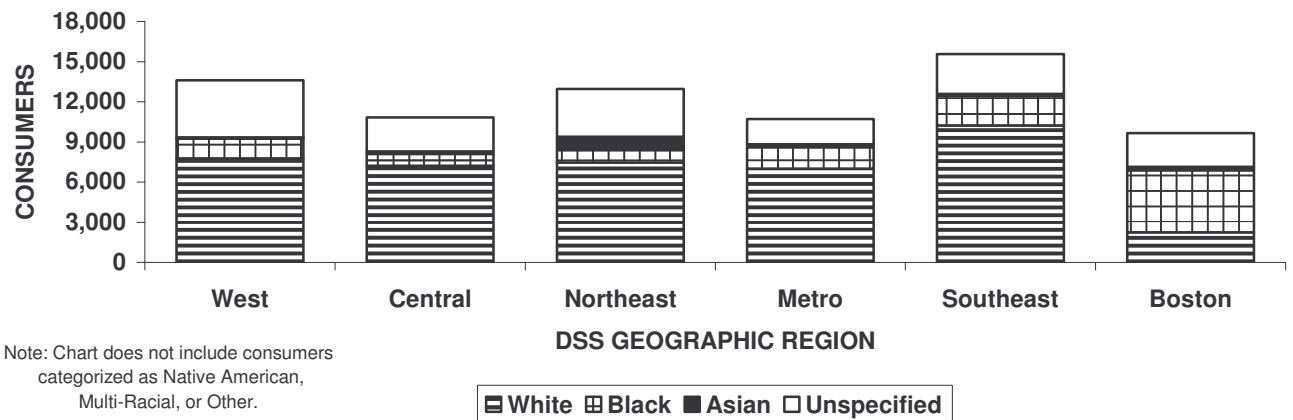
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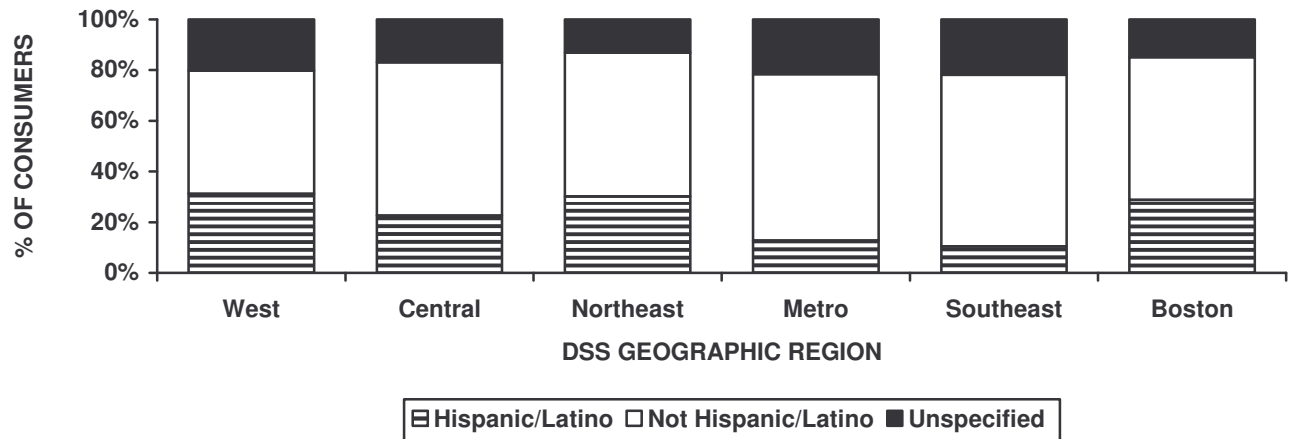
**Figure 6A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS
BY RACE
FY'05, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/05)**



**Figure 6B. REGIONAL COUNTS OF CONSUMERS
BY RACE
FY'05, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/05)**



**FIGURE 6C. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS
BY HISPANIC/LATINO ORIGIN
FY'2005, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/05)**



**FIGURE 6D. REGIONAL COUNTS OF CONSUMERS
BY HISPANIC/LATINO ORIGIN
FY'2005, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/05)**

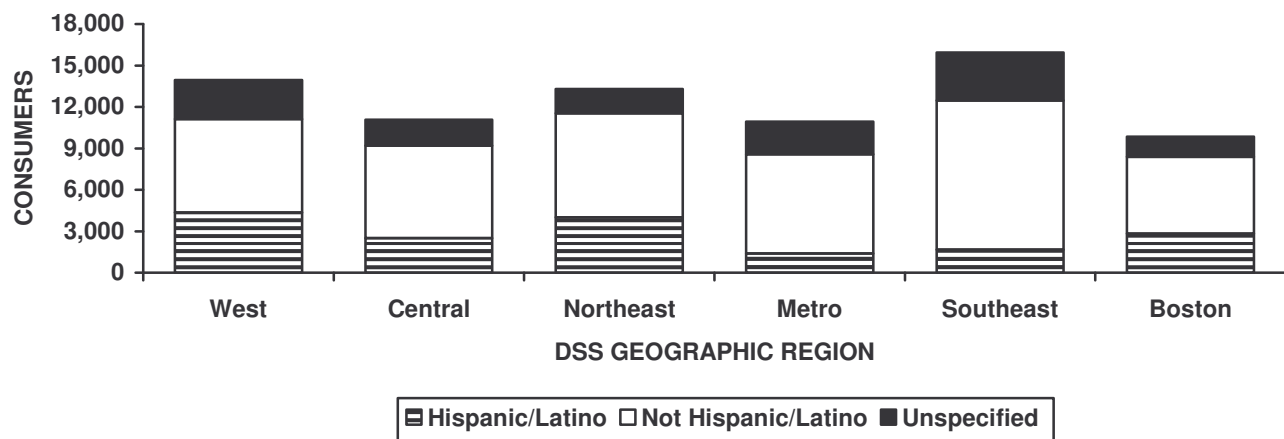


TABLE 4. PRIMARY LANGUAGE OF CONSUMERS BY DSS REGION: FY'2005, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/05)

Primary Language	DSS Geographic Region												Adoption Contracts ⁽¹⁾		Other ⁽²⁾		Total	
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%						
Spanish	1,145	8%	493	4%	1,104	8%	359	3%	320	2%	777	8%	16	6%	---	---	4,214	6%
Khmer (Cambodian)	11	*	8	*	362	3%	2	*	67	*	10	*	---	---	---	---	460	1%
Portuguese	2	*	8	*	47	*	77	1%	123	1%	30	*	---	---	---	---	287	*
Haitian Creole	---	---	2	*	11	*	101	1%	38	*	62	1%	---	---	---	---	214	*
Cape Verdean Creole	---	---	---	---	1	*	6	*	74	*	32	*	---	---	---	---	113	*
Vietnamese	6	*	38	*	24	*	21	*	4	*	49	*	---	---	---	---	142	*
Chinese	---	---	---	---	---	---	16	*	---	---	20	*	---	---	---	---	36	*
Lao	---	---	4	*	13	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	17	*
American Sign Language	10	*	2	*	7	*	6	*	6	*	7	*	---	---	---	---	38	*
French			2		1				4		1				2		10	
Greek					6										0		6	
Italian					3		4								0		7	
Other	404		269		205		233		417		226		2		29		1,785	
Polish									1						0		1	
Russian	15				5		9				1				0		30	
Thai					1						2				0		3	
Other	419	3%	271	2%	221	2%	246	2%	422	3%	230	2%	2	1%	31	70%	1,842	2%
English\Unspecified	12,357	89%	10,246	93%	11,501	87%	10,108	92%	14,878	93%	8,623	88%	237	93%	13	30%	67,963	90%
Total	13,950	100%	11,072	100%	13,291	100%	10,942	100%	15,932	100%	9,840	100%	255	100%	44	100%	75,326	100%

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

⁽¹⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.

⁽²⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

Profile of Consumers in Placement¹

Foster and Residential Care

- There were 7,580 consumers in foster care and 2,468 consumers in residential care on the last day of the 4th Quarter of FY'2005. Foster care populations were highest in the Western and Southeastern Regions. The number of consumers in residential care was greatest in the Metro, Southeastern, and Northeastern Regions. **(Table 5A)**
- The largest age group in foster care was 12-17 years (34-40% range across regions). Among regions, the West, Southeast, and Northeast had the highest numbers of adolescents in foster care, 649, 537, and 485, respectively. **(Table 5A)**
- Adolescents were the primary age group in residential care, ranging from 63% to 81% across the regions. The Metro, Southeastern, and Northeastern Regions had the largest adolescent populations in residential care, 394, 389, and 358, respectively. **(Table 5A)**
- Consumers in non-referral locations² were primarily adolescents (75-88% regional range). **(Table 5A)**
- There were 1,713 consumers in “Contracted” foster care and 5,867 consumers in “Departmental” foster care. Contracted foster care was primarily therapeutic (93% of the consumers). Departmental foster care was separated into unrestricted (39%), kinship (34%), child specific (12%), pre-adoptive (7%), and independent living (7%). **(Table 5B)**
- Regionally, the West had the largest numbers of consumers in unrestricted, pre-adoptive, and child-specific foster care. Consumers in kinship care were highest in the Southeast. The Northeast had the most consumers in independent living. **(Fig. 7B, Table 5B)**
- The proportions of consumers in different types of departmental foster care are displayed for each region in Figure 7A. Consumers in unrestricted homes were most prevalent in the West. The Southeast and Metro had the largest proportions of consumers in kinship homes. Consumers in child-specific homes were most evident in Boston. The Western Region had the highest proportion of consumers in pre-adoptive homes. Consumers in independent living were proportionally higher in Boston as compared to the other regions. **(Fig. 7A)**

¹ Consumers include children less than 18 years old and young adults 18 to 23 years old.

² Non-referral locations include hospitals, other state agencies, and on the run from placement.

- The major residential programs were Commonworks³ (1,197 consumers), residential treatment (752 consumers), and group homes (459 consumers). **(Table 5C)**
- The proportions of consumers in different types of residential care are shown for each region in Figure 8A. The Western Region had the highest proportion of consumers in Commonworks. Boston had the greatest proportion of consumers in group homes. The proportion of consumers in residential treatment was most significant in the Northeast. **(Fig. 8A)**
- The Southeast had the greatest number of consumers in Commonworks. Metro had the largest number of clients in group homes. The Northeastern Region had the most consumers in residential treatment. **(Fig. 8B)**
- Consumers in residential treatment were mostly situated in Chapter 766 facilities⁴ while the leading group home model was Regular.⁵ The major types of sub-referrals under Commonworks were Chapter 766 and Regular group homes. **(Tables 5C and 5D)**
- Over the past four quarters, there was no significant change in the foster and residential care populations **(Figs. 9 and 10)**. However, the residential care population did drop 7% over the past two quarters (2,660 to 2,468). This modest decline in residential care children occurred across all regions. It should be noted that the foster care population has gone from 8,113 to 7,580 (-7%) over a five-year period (FY'2001, Q1 to FY'2005, Q4).

All Placement Locations (Combined Counts)

- At the end of the 4th Quarter of FY'2005, the statewide placement population was comprised of 52% boys and 48% girls. Regionally, the gender difference showed little deviation from the state. **(Table 6A, Fig. 11A)**
- Statewide, 60% of all consumers in placement were White, 20% were Black, 2% were Asian, less than 1% were Native American, and 4% were multi-racial. Race was unspecified for 14% of the placement population. **(Table 6A, Fig. 11A)**

³ Commonworks is a community-based program that provides residential placement services, therapeutic foster care, and family support services to adolescents and their families.

⁴ Chapter 766 includes facilities geared toward children/adolescents who require special needs educational services on-site. These facilities are licensed by the Department of Education.

⁵ Regular is comprised of programs that provide services in home-like settings with typically 8 to 12 children/adolescents in residence.

- The proportion of minority consumers in placement was highest in the Boston Region. **(Table 6A).**
- Of the total placement population, 25% (2,633 consumers) self-identified as being of Hispanic origin. Hispanic consumers were most prevalent in the Western and Northeastern Regions. **(Table 6A, Fig. 11A)**
- Race was unspecified for a relatively large number of consumers in placement in the Western and Northeastern Regions. These high values are attributable to the large number of Hispanic consumers in placement, who do not self-identify with any of the racial categories. **(Table 6A)**
- Adolescents were the largest age group in placement in each of the DSS Regions. The proportion of adolescents ranged from 45% in the West to 51% in both the Northeast and Metro. **(Table 6B)**
- The number of young adults (18 years or older) in placement ranged from 115 in Central to 233 in the Northeast. **(Table 6B)**
- The most prominent service plan goals of consumers in placement were “Family Reunification” (31% of all consumers in placement) and “Adoption” (24%). Regionally, the Southeast had the highest number and proportion of consumers in placement with a goal of reunifying the family. The West had the highest number and proportion of consumers in placement with a goal of adoption. **(Table 6B, Fig. 11B)**
- Statewide, 42% of the placement population had been in continuous care⁶ for more than 2 years, 21% between 1 and 2 years, and 38% for 1 year or less. **(Table 6B, Fig. 11B)**
- The Western, Northeastern, and Boston Regions had the highest proportions of consumers in continuous⁷ care for more than two years (46%, 44%, and 43%, respectively). Metro had the highest proportion of consumers in care for one year or less (43%). The Southeast had the largest number of consumers in care for one year or less (906). The West had the largest number of consumers in care for more than two years (1,026). **(Table 6B)**

⁶ Length of stay in placement, as measured by a “point-in-time snapshot” of consumers residing in care, is not representative of all individuals who spend time in care during some specified period. It is biased because consumers in continuous long-term placement are over-represented in “snapshot” counts and many others who enter and leave placement quickly are not counted at all.

⁷ Continuous time in care is defined as the span of time from the child’s most recent placement entry to the Quarter End Date (June 30, 2005). In DSS Quarterly Reports prior to the 4th Quarter of FY’94, the time (non-continuous) from the child’s first placement entry to the program run-date was used.

- Tables 7A and 7B display the race and Hispanic origin of consumers in placement by their length of time in continuous care. There was a tendency for a greater proportion of minority consumers to be in care for more than two years as compared to White consumers (48% Asian, 47% Black, 43% Hispanic vs. 41% White). (Tables 7A and 7B)
- At the end of the 4th Quarter of FY'2005 ("snapshot" on 6/30/05), the median⁸ time in continuous care was 1.4 years and median age was 12.6 years for all children less than 18 years old in placement. Over the past 14 years, the median age of children in care has slowly increased while the median time in placement has been fairly stable (See table below).

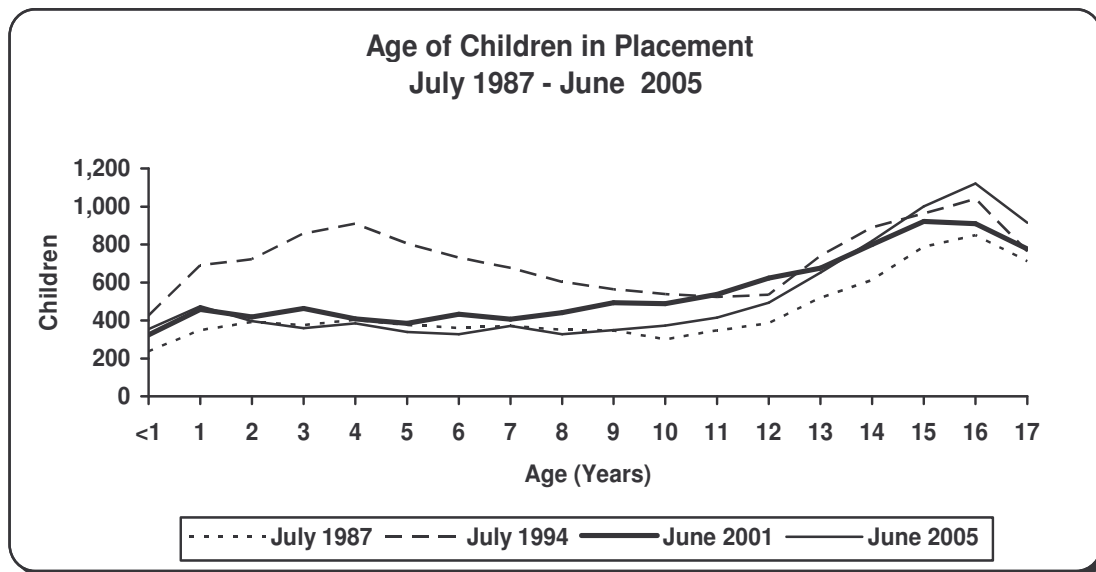
All Children in Placement ⁹			
Date	Median Age (yrs)	Median Continuous Time in Placement (yrs)	Number of Children
7/92	9.2	1.5	12,311
7/93	9.3	1.6	12,577
7/94	9.1	1.4	12,977
7/95	9.2	1.3	13,056
7/96	9.7	1.4	12,643
7/97	10.2	1.4	11,957
9/98*	10.5	1.4	10,872
6/99*	11.0	1.2	10,134
6/00*	11.2	1.5	9,676
6/01*	11.5	1.4	9,955
6/02	11.9	1.5	10,033
6/03	12.2	1.5	10,233
6/04	12.3	1.5	9,829
9/04	12.4	1.5	9,807
12/04	12.6	1.4	9,760
3/05	12.7	1.4	9,808
6/05	12.6	1.4	9,474

*= revised statistics

⁸ Half of the children are younger than the median and half are older.

⁹ Children are less than 18 years old.

- The figure below shows the ages of children in placement at four points in time. From 1987 to 1994, the number of younger children in care increased at a faster rate than the number of adolescents. Peak numbers of young children were reached in 1994. Thereafter, the trend reversed as subsequent age curves showed a gradual reduction in the young child population. By the years 2001-2005, the age distribution of children in placement dropped to level that approaches the 1987 curve. Throughout this 19 year period, the adolescent population was relatively stable. However, there has been some noticeable growth from 2001 to 2005 in the number of teens 15-17 years old. It should be noted that the total number of children in care (less than 18 years old) at each point in time was 8,078 in 1987, 12,977 in 1994, 9,732 in 2001, and 9,474 in 2005.



Consumers in Placement with a Goal of Adoption

- Out of 2,572 consumers in placement with a goal of adoption, 1,559 (61%) were White, 418 (16%) were Black, 27 (1%) were Asian, and 138 (5%) were multi-racial. Race was unspecified for 16%. Twenty-eight percent (725) of all consumers in placement with a goal of adoption were of Hispanic origin. (**Tables 8A and 8B, Fig. 12A**)
- The age distribution of 2,572 consumers in placement with a goal of adoption was: 24% age 0-2 years, 25% age 3-5 years, 39% age 6-11 years, and 13% age 12-17 years. (**Table 8C, Fig. 12A**)

- Fifty-two percent of the consumers with a goal of adoption were male and 48% were female. **(Fig. 12A)**
- Fifty-four percent of the consumers in placement with a goal of adoption had been in continuous placement for more than two years. **(Table 8D, Fig. 12A)**
- Fifty percent of the consumers in placement with a goal of guardianship had been in continuous placement for more than two years. **(Table 8D)**
- There has been a decline in the number of children¹⁰ in placement with a goal of adoption since 1994 (peak value of 4,522). In 1997, this group of “waiting” children fell below 4,000 for the first time since 1991. In general, changes in the number of children with a goal of adoption have coincided with changes in the placement population. (See table below)
- The proportion of “waiting” children reached its highest level in 1994 (35%). Since 1994, the proportion of children with a goal of adoption has dropped to 27%. (See table below)

Date	Children in Placement	Children in Placement with a Goal of Adoption	% of Children with a Goal of Adoption
7/91	12,397	3,541	29%
7/92	12,311	4,116	33%
7/93	12,577	4,244	34%
7/94	12,977	4,522	35%
7/95	13,056	4,352	33%
7/96	12,463	4,251	34%
7/97	11,957	3,673	31%
1/98	11,170	3,489	31%
9/98	10,872*	NA	NA
6/99	10,134*	3,118	31%
6/00	9,676*	3,089	32%
6/01	9,955*	2,859	29%
6/02	10,033	2,844	28%
6/03	10,233	2,864*	28%
6/04	9,829	2,761*	28%
9/04	9,807	2,738*	28%
12/04	9,760	2,627	27%
3/05	9,808	2,650	27%
6/05	9,474	2,572	27%

Notes: **Children are less than 18 years old.**

* = revised statistics

¹⁰ Children are less than 18 years old.

- Of the 2,572 “waiting” consumers in placement with a goal of adoption, 41% were legally free for adoption. Seventy-seven percent of the freed children were matched to a permanent family. **(Fig. 12B)**
- The age distribution for consumers legally free for adoption was similar to the age group distribution for all consumers with a goal of adoption (See below and Fig. 12A). So there does not appear to be any age bias in the freeing of children for adoption.

Age Group (years)	Consumers Legally Free for Adoption	
	No.	%
0 – 2	234	22%
3 – 5	256	24%
6 – 11	411	39%
12 – 17	165	15%
Total	1,066	100%

- Of those children who were not legally free for adoption (59%), 63% were matched to permanent families **(Fig. 12B)**.
- The Southeastern Region had the highest proportion (58%) of “waiting” children who were legally free for adoption. The Western and Metro Regions had the highest proportions of “waiting” children who were matched to a permanent family, 83% and 79%, respectively. **(Figs. 12C and 12D)**

TABLE 5A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT - AGE AND LOCATION BY DSS REGION: FY'2005, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/05)

DSS Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾		Placement Location of Consumers						Total No.
		Foster Care		Residential Care		Other ⁽²⁾		
Age Group		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Western		1,820		293		136		2,249
	(0 - 2 yrs)	290	16%	1	*	3	2%	294
	(3 - 5 yrs)	256	14%	---	---	1	1%	257
	(6 - 11 yrs)	458	25%	33	11%	6	4%	497
	(12 - 17 yrs)	649	36%	236	81%	120	88%	1,005
	18 or older	167	9%	23	8%	6	4%	196
Central		990		309		72		1,371
	(0 - 2 yrs)	152	15%	---	---	2	3%	154
	(3 - 5 yrs)	146	15%	2	1%	1	1%	149
	(6 - 11 yrs)	271	27%	43	14%	5	7%	319
	(12 - 17 yrs)	345	35%	230	74%	59	82%	634
	18 or older	76	8%	34	11%	5	7%	115
Northeast		1,235		497		114		1,846
	(0 - 2 yrs)	174	14%	---	---	3	3%	177
	(3 - 5 yrs)	143	12%	4	1%	1	1%	148
	(6 - 11 yrs)	271	22%	70	14%	10	9%	351
	(12 - 17 yrs)	485	39%	358	72%	94	82%	937
	18 or older	162	13%	65	13%	6	5%	233
Metro		912		511		53		1,476
	(0 - 2 yrs)	153	17%	1	*	4	8%	158
	(3 - 5 yrs)	133	15%	3	1%	1	2%	137
	(6 - 11 yrs)	198	22%	53	10%	3	6%	254
	(12 - 17 yrs)	318	35%	394	77%	40	75%	752
	18 or older	110	12%	60	12%	5	9%	175
Southeast		1,557		507		104		2,168
	(0 - 2 yrs)	270	17%	1	*	2	2%	273
	(3 - 5 yrs)	235	15%	1	*	1	1%	237
	(6 - 11 yrs)	370	24%	62	12%	10	10%	442
	(12 - 17 yrs)	537	34%	389	77%	78	75%	1,004
	18 or older	145	9%	54	11%	13	13%	212
Boston		790		347		113		1,250
	(0 - 2 yrs)	125	16%	2	1%	1	1%	128
	(3 - 5 yrs)	83	11%	4	1%	3	3%	90
	(6 - 11 yrs)	146	18%	40	12%	10	9%	196
	(12 - 17 yrs)	317	40%	220	63%	87	77%	624
	18 or older	119	15%	81	23%	12	11%	212
Adoption Contracts ⁽³⁾		248		4		---		252
	(0 - 2 yrs)	42	17%	---	---	---	---	42
	(3 - 5 yrs)	65	26%	---	---	---	---	65
	(6 - 11 yrs)	101	41%	4	100%	---	---	105
	(12 - 17 yrs)	40	16%	---	---	---	---	40
Other ⁽⁴⁾		28		---		---		28
	(3 - 5 yrs)	1	4%	---	---	---	---	1
	(6 - 11 yrs)	1	4%	---	---	---	---	1
	(12 - 17 yrs)	3	11%	---	---	---	---	3
	18 or older	23	82%	---	---	---	---	23
Total		7,580		2,468		592		10,640

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

⁽¹⁾ Region having responsibility for the case (child could be placed in another DSS Region).⁽²⁾ "Other" includes locations such as hospitals and other state agencies, as well as consumers on the run from placement.⁽³⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.⁽⁴⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

TABLE 5B. CONSUMERS IN FOSTER CARE - AGE AND LOCATION BY DSS REGION: FY'2005, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/05)

DSS Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾		Foster Care													Foster Care Total
		Contracted Foster Care							Departmental Foster Care						
		Emergency	Enhanced	Family	Independent	Other	Therapeutic	Child Specific	Independent Living	Kinship	Pre-Adoptive	Unrestricted			
Diagnostic	Shelter	Therapeutic	Residence	Living											
Western	Age Group	5	18	3	13	15	---	358	187	82	368	147	624	1,820	
	(0 - 2 yrs)	---	1	---	1	---	---	6	19	---	63	63	137	290	
	(3 - 5 yrs)	---	2	---	---	---	---	10	24	---	78	41	101	256	
	(6 - 11 yrs)	---	4	3	2	---	---	95	45	---	111	37	161	458	
	(12 - 17 yrs)	5	11	---	10	---	---	221	87	5	101	5	204	649	
	18 or older	---	---	---	---	15	---	26	12	77	15	1	21	167	
Central		---	5	1	---	---	---	202	94	31	287	67	303	990	
	(0 - 2 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	6	---	58	24	62	152	
	(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	---	11	6	---	68	15	46	146	
	(6 - 11 yrs)	---	---	1	---	---	---	53	33	---	70	21	93	271	
	(12 - 17 yrs)	---	5	---	---	---	---	115	42	---	88	6	89	345	
	18 or older	---	---	---	---	---	---	21	7	31	3	1	13	76	
Northeast		1	5	2	7	---	6	337	105	96	310	31	335	1,235	
	(0 - 2 yrs)	---	2	---	---	---	---	16	13	---	57	11	75	174	
	(3 - 5 yrs)	---	1	---	1	---	---	24	15	---	41	9	52	143	
	(6 - 11 yrs)	1	1	1	---	---	---	71	24	---	97	11	65	271	
	(12 - 17 yrs)	---	1	1	5	---	3	200	45	6	104	---	120	485	
	18 or older	---	---	---	1	---	3	26	8	90	11	---	23	162	
Metro		---	4	1	8	---	---	190	94	52	280	51	232	912	
	(0 - 2 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	---	13	10	---	53	16	61	153	
	(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	---	13	10	---	54	20	36	133	
	(6 - 11 yrs)	---	---	1	1	---	---	35	19	---	83	14	45	198	
	(12 - 17 yrs)	---	4	---	5	---	---	117	42	---	78	1	71	318	
	18 or older	---	---	---	2	---	---	12	13	52	12	---	19	110	
Southeast		---	8	---	6	---	---	245	137	94	523	51	493	1,557	
	(0 - 2 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	---	6	17	---	98	21	128	270	
	(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	---	10	22	---	90	19	94	235	
	(6 - 11 yrs)	---	2	---	---	---	---	53	19	---	158	8	130	370	
	(12 - 17 yrs)	---	6	---	6	---	---	159	60	12	164	3	127	537	
	18 or older	---	---	---	---	---	---	17	19	82	13	---	14	145	
Boston		---	3	4	7	---	---	217	79	69	163	29	219	790	
	(0 - 2 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	---	13	12	---	33	15	52	125	
	(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	---	13	15	---	22	7	26	83	
	(6 - 11 yrs)	---	---	1	1	---	---	45	17	---	40	6	36	146	
	(12 - 17 yrs)	---	3	3	4	---	---	132	28	---	61	1	85	317	
	18 or older	---	---	---	2	---	---	14	7	69	7	---	20	119	
Adoption Contracts ⁽²⁾		---	---	---	---	---	---	42	32	---	43	57	74	248	
	(0 - 2 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	8	---	13	3	18	42	
	(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	---	9	8	---	14	19	15	65	
	(6 - 11 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	---	19	7	---	14	30	31	101	
	(12 - 17 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	---	14	9	---	2	5	10	40	
Other ⁽³⁾		---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	14	2	---	11	28	
	(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	1	
	(6 - 11 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	---	---	---	1	
	(12 - 17 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	2	3	
	18 or older	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	14	1	---	8	23	
Total		6	43	11	41	15	6	1,591	729	438	1,976	433	2,291	7,580	

⁽¹⁾ Region having responsibility for the case (child could be placed in another DSS Region).

⁽³⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

⁽²⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.

TABLE 5C. CONSUMERS IN RESIDENTIAL CARE - AGE AND LOCATION BY DSS REGION: FY'2005, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/05)

Residential Care															Resident Care Total
DSS Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾		Commonworks	Group Home						Residential Treatment				Shelter		
Age Group			Bridge Home	Independent Living	Other ⁽²⁾	Regular	Teen Pregnancy/ Parenting	Transitional Living	Ch. 766	Diagnostic	Non-766	Other ⁽²⁾			
Western		182	12	5	3	11	4	---	46	6	1	6	17	293	
	(0 - 2 yrs)	---	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	
	(6 - 11 yrs)	4	4	---	---	4	---	---	17	3	---	---	1	33	
	(12 - 17 yrs)	169	7	3	---	7	4	---	20	3	1	6	16	236	
	18 or older	9	---	2	3	---	---	---	9	---	---	---	---	23	
Central		118	13	4	---	50	3	---	85	8	4	16	8	309	
	(3 - 5 yrs)	---	1	---	---	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	
	(6 - 11 yrs)	1	8	---	---	4	---	---	20	3	---	7	---	43	
	(12 - 17 yrs)	101	4	3	---	38	1	---	59	5	4	7	8	230	
	18 or older	16	---	1	---	7	2	---	6	---	---	2	---	34	
Northeast		222	12	14	---	52	1	---	133	50	---	13	---	497	
	(3 - 5 yrs)	---	3	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	4	
	(6 - 11 yrs)	8	4	---	---	5	---	---	41	7	---	5	---	70	
	(12 - 17 yrs)	175	5	6	---	47	---	---	78	43	---	4	---	358	
	18 or older	39	---	8	---	---	1	---	14	---	---	3	---	65	
Metro		231	17	14	---	61	3	3	115	34	6	18	9	511	
	(0 - 2 yrs)	---	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	
	(3 - 5 yrs)	---	1	---	---	---	---	---	2	---	---	---	---	3	
	(6 - 11 yrs)	4	8	---	---	5	---	---	31	---	---	5	---	53	
	(12 - 17 yrs)	190	7	7	---	52	2	1	74	34	6	12	9	394	
	18 or older	37	---	7	---	4	1	2	8	---	---	1	---	60	
Southeast		264	14	2	1	59	6	---	98	25	1	11	26	507	
	(0 - 2 yrs)	---	---	---	---	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	
	(3 - 5 yrs)	---	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	
	(6 - 11 yrs)	2	7	---	---	15	---	---	30	4	---	3	1	62	
	(12 - 17 yrs)	222	6	2	---	41	5	---	61	21	1	5	25	389	
	18 or older	40	---	---	1	2	1	---	7	---	---	3	---	54	
Boston		180	21	9	---	50	11	1	70	2	---	3	---	347	
	(0 - 2 yrs)	---	2	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	
	(3 - 5 yrs)	---	3	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	---	---	---	4	
	(6 - 11 yrs)	1	9	---	---	8	---	---	22	---	---	---	---	40	
	(12 - 17 yrs)	138	7	1	---	30	9	---	33	1	---	1	---	220	
	18 or older	41	---	8	---	12	2	1	14	1	---	2	---	81	
Adoption Contracts ⁽³⁾		---	3	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	---	---	---	4	
	(6 - 11 yrs)	---	3	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	---	---	---	4	
Total		1,197	92	48	4	283	28	4	548	125	12	67	60	2,468	

⁽¹⁾ Region having responsibility for the case (child could be placed in another DSS Region).

⁽²⁾ Sites/facilities that differ from the other types of group homes or residential treatment facilities.

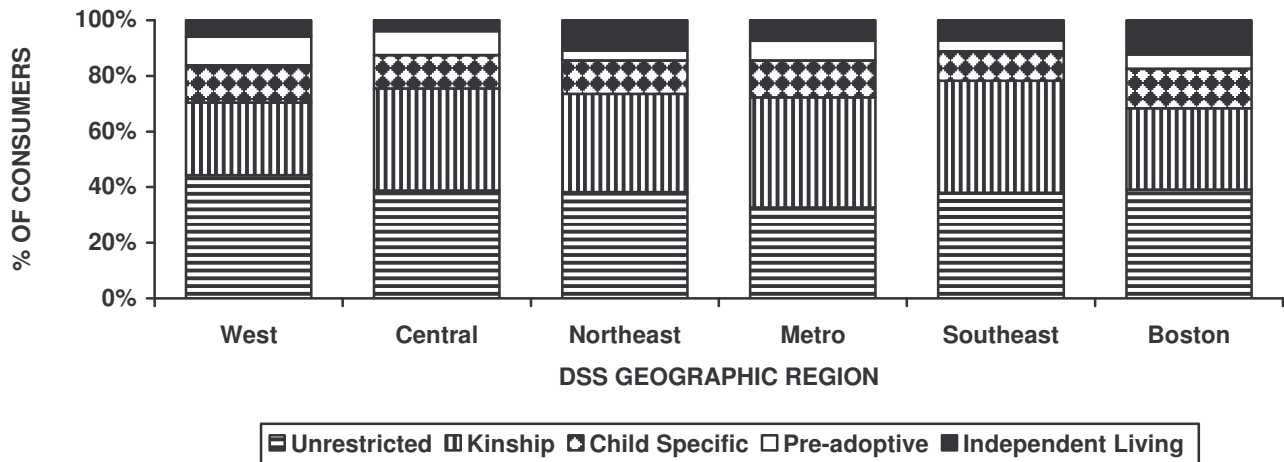
⁽³⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.

TABLE 5D. CONSUMERS IN COMMONWORKS (SUB-REFERRALS) - AGE AND LOCATION BY DSS REGION: FY'2005, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/05)

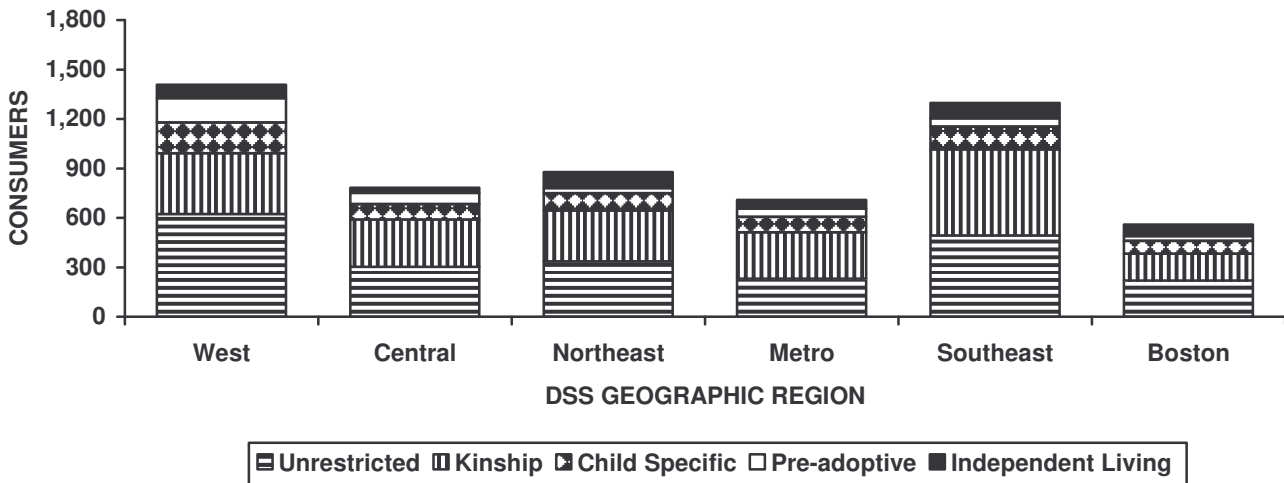
DSS Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾	Age Group	Commonworks											Total
		Ch. 766	Emergency Diagnostic	Enhanced Shelter	Independent Therapeutic	Living	Non-766	Other	Regular	Shelter	Therapeutic	Unspecified	
Western		41	---	---	1	3	102	1	14	---	20	---	182
	(6 - 11 yrs)	1	---	---	---	---	3	---	---	---	---	---	4
	(12 - 17 yrs)	39	---	---	1	---	95	1	13	---	20	---	169
	18 or older	1	---	---	---	3	4	---	1	---	---	---	9
Central		41	4	---	---	3	17	---	38	4	11	---	118
	(6 - 11 yrs)	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1
	(12 - 17 yrs)	33	4	---	---	2	17	---	32	4	9	---	101
	18 or older	7	---	---	---	1	---	---	6	---	2	---	16
Northeast		102	1	---	---	26	22	---	44	---	26	1	222
	(6 - 11 yrs)	7	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	---	---	8
	(12 - 17 yrs)	88	1	---	---	9	21	---	38	---	17	1	175
	18 or older	7	---	---	---	17	1	---	5	---	9	---	39
Metro		101	2	---	---	27	13	5	65	3	15	---	231
	(6 - 11 yrs)	2	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	---	4
	(12 - 17 yrs)	93	2	---	---	11	11	4	58	3	8	---	190
	18 or older	6	---	---	---	16	2	1	7	---	5	---	37
Southeast		127	2	---	---	14	2	---	61	14	44	---	264
	(6 - 11 yrs)	2	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2
	(12 - 17 yrs)	111	2	---	---	6	2	---	56	14	31	---	222
	18 or older	14	---	---	---	8	---	---	5	---	13	---	40
Boston		65	1	1	---	30	6		62	---	14	1	180
	(6 - 11 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	---	---	1
	(12 - 17 yrs)	58	1	1	---	7	5	---	53	---	12	1	138
	18 or older	7	---	---	---	23	1	---	8	---	2	---	41
Total		477	10	1	1	103	162	6	284	21	130	2	1,197

⁽¹⁾ Region having responsibility for the case (child could be placed in another DSS Region).

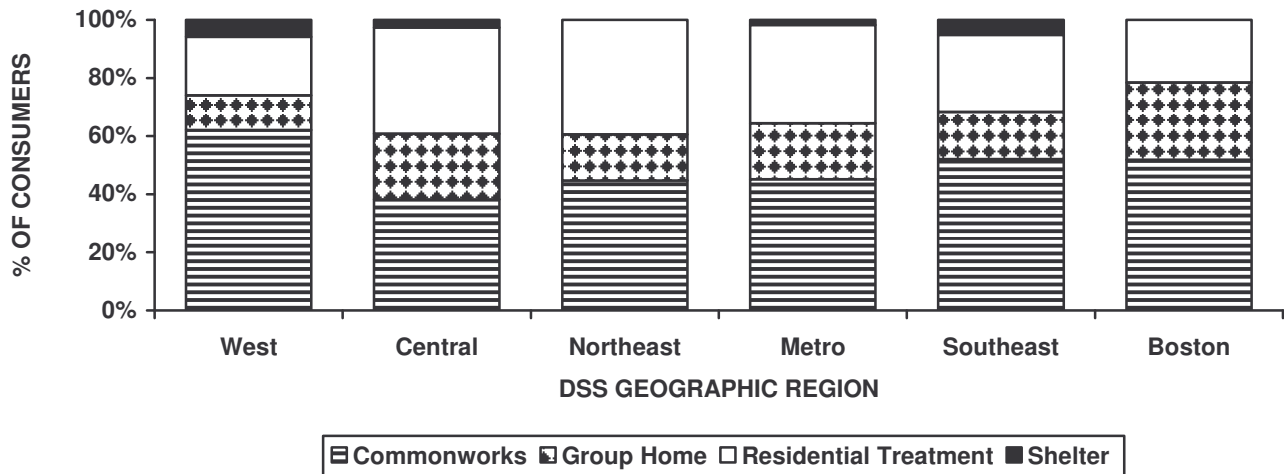
**FIGURE 7A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS
IN DEPARTMENTAL FOSTER CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION
FY'2005, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/05)**



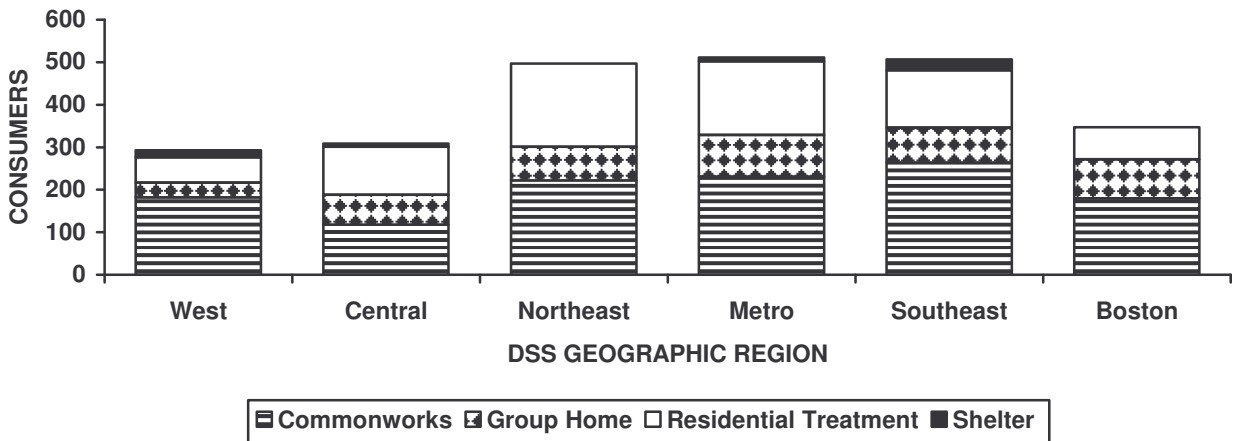
**FIGURE 7B. REGIONAL COUNTS OF CONSUMERS
IN DEPARTMENTAL FOSTER CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION
FY'2005, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/05)**



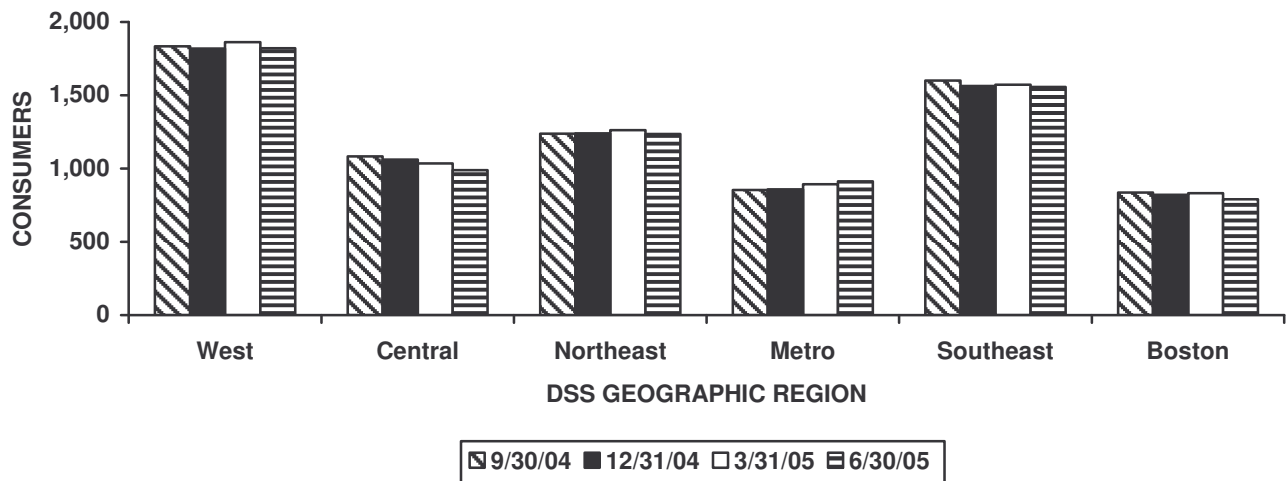
**FIGURE 8A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS
IN RESIDENTIAL CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION
FY'2005, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/05)**



**FIGURE 8B. REGIONAL COUNTS OF CONSUMERS
IN RESIDENTIAL CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION
FY'2005, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/05)**



**FIGURE 9. CONSUMERS IN FOSTER CARE BY DSS REGION
(FY'2005, End of 1ST QUARTER to FY'2005, End of 4TH QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 10. CONSUMERS IN RESIDENTIAL CARE BY DSS REGION
(FY'2005, End of 1ST QUARTER to FY'2005, End of 4TH QUARTER)**

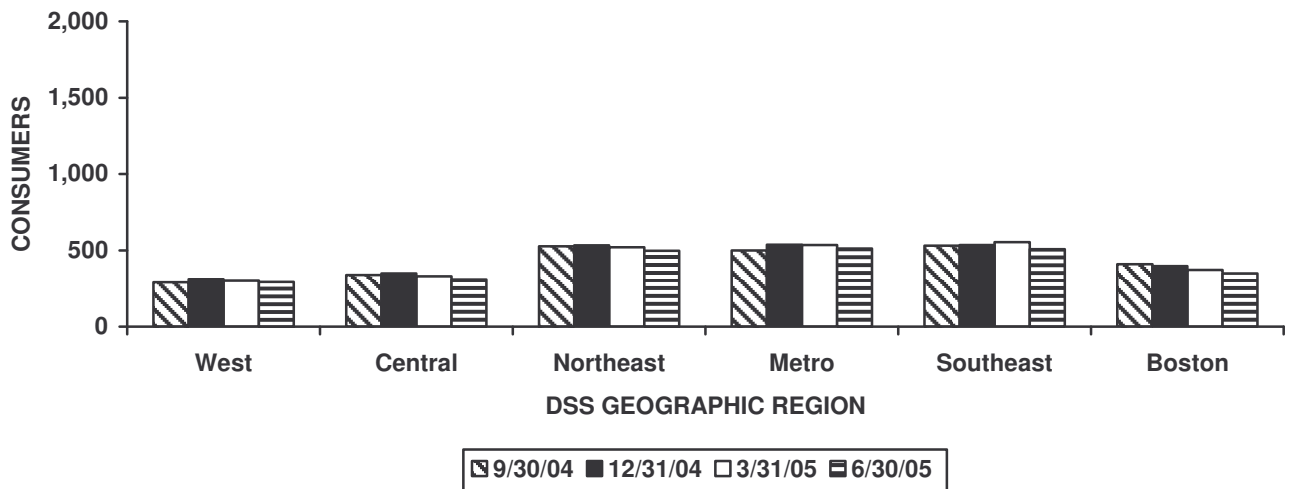


TABLE 6A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT: SEX, RACE, AND HISPANIC ORIGIN BY DSS REGIONS AND STATE: FY'2005, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/05)

Characteristics	DSS Geographic Region												Adoption Contracts ⁽¹⁾		Other ⁽²⁾		Total	
	West No.	%	Central No.	%	Northeast No.	%	Metro No.	%	Southeast No.	%	Boston No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Sex:																		
Female	1,077	48%	691	50%	889	48%	698	47%	1,043	48%	612	49%	125	50%	6	21%	5,141	48%
Male	1,172	52%	680	50%	957	52%	778	53%	1,125	52%	638	51%	127	50%	22	79%	5,499	52%
Total	2,249	100%	1,371	100%	1,846	100%	1,476	100%	2,168	100%	1,250	100%	252	100%	28	100%	10,640	100%
Race:																		
White	1,370	61%	973	71%	1,129	61%	1,000	68%	1,497	69%	301	24%	133	53%	---	---	6,403	60%
Black	327	15%	162	12%	187	10%	266	18%	355	16%	707	57%	59	23%	23	82%	2,086	20%
Asian	4	*	5	*	116	6%	17	1%	15	1%	15	1%	2	1%	---	---	174	2%
Native American	9	*	---	---	4	*	---	---	14	1%	5	*	---	---	---	---	32	*
Other ⁽³⁾	3	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	*	1	*	---	---	5	*
Multi-Racial	84	4%	49	4%	74	4%	61	4%	89	4%	34	3%	22	9%	---	---	413	4%
Unspecified	452	20%	182	13%	336	18%	132	9%	198	9%	187	15%	35	14%	5	18%	1,527	14%
Total	2,249	100%	1,371	100%	1,846	100%	1,476	100%	2,168	100%	1,250	100%	252	100%	28	100%	10,640	100%
Hispanic/Latino Origin:																		
Hispanic/Latino	859	38%	345	25%	585	32%	219	15%	265	12%	286	23%	74	29%	---	---	2,633	25%
Not Hispanic/Latino	1,271	57%	963	70%	1,214	66%	1,203	82%	1,785	82%	915	73%	165	65%	26	93%	7,542	71%
Unspecified	119	5%	63	5%	47	3%	54	4%	118	5%	49	4%	13	5%	2	7%	465	4%
Total	2,249	100%	1,371	100%	1,846	100%	1,476	100%	2,168	100%	1,250	100%	252	100%	28	100%	10,640	100%

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

⁽¹⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.

⁽²⁾ Includes primarily consumers served through Central Office contracts.

⁽³⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

TABLE 6B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT: AGE, SERVICE PLAN GOAL, AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE BY DSS REGIONS AND STATE: FY'2005, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/05)

Characteristics	DSS Geographic Region												Adoption Contracts ⁽¹⁾		Other ⁽²⁾		Total	
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Age:																		
(0 - 2 yrs)	294	13%	154	11%	177	10%	158	11%	273	13%	128	10%	42	17%	---	---	1,226	12%
(3 - 5 yrs)	257	11%	149	11%	148	8%	137	9%	237	11%	90	7%	65	26%	1	4%	1,084	10%
(6 - 11 yrs)	497	22%	319	23%	351	19%	254	17%	442	20%	196	16%	105	42%	1	4%	2,165	20%
(12 - 17 yrs)	1,005	45%	634	46%	937	51%	752	51%	1,004	46%	624	50%	40	16%	3	11%	4,999	47%
18 or older	196	9%	115	8%	233	13%	175	12%	212	10%	212	17%	---	---	23	82%	1,166	11%
Total	2,249	100%	1,371	100%	1,846	100%	1,476	100%	2,168	100%	1,250	100%	252	100%	28	100%	10,640	100%
Service Plan Goals:																		
Reunify Family	587	26%	459	33%	612	33%	514	35%	831	38%	342	27%	1	*	---	---	3,346	31%
Adoption	618	27%	359	26%	375	20%	279	19%	446	21%	250	20%	245	97%	---	---	2,572	24%
Living Independently	353	16%	180	13%	356	19%	284	19%	353	16%	310	25%	---	---	23	82%	1,859	17%
Long-Term Substitute Care	385	17%	192	14%	317	17%	189	13%	251	12%	148	12%	2	1%	---	---	1,484	14%
Guardianship	112	5%	71	5%	56	3%	75	5%	107	5%	58	5%	4	2%	---	---	483	5%
Stabilize Intact Family	109	5%	66	5%	60	3%	83	6%	78	4%	62	5%	---	---	---	---	458	4%
Long-Term Care w/Adult Serv. Agen.	50	2%	30	2%	52	3%	32	2%	84	4%	64	5%	---	---	---	---	312	3%
Unspecified	35	2%	14	1%	18	1%	20	1%	18	1%	16	1%	---	---	5	18%	126	1%
Total	2,249	100%	1,371	100%	1,846	100%	1,476	100%	2,168	100%	1,250	100%	252	100%	28	100%	10,640	100%
Continuous Time in Care:																		
(.5 yr or less)	443	20%	296	22%	402	22%	382	26%	509	23%	262	21%	3	1%	---	---	2,297	22%
(> .5 - 1 yr)	336	15%	229	17%	259	14%	248	17%	397	18%	178	14%	17	7%	5	18%	1,669	16%
(> 1 - 1.5 yrs)	259	12%	162	12%	219	12%	202	14%	251	12%	157	13%	28	11%	---	---	1,278	12%
(> 1.5 - 2 yrs)	185	8%	136	10%	151	8%	122	8%	189	9%	106	8%	35	14%	---	---	924	9%
(> 2 - 4 yrs)	489	22%	294	21%	390	21%	290	20%	434	20%	266	21%	111	44%	5	18%	2,279	21%
> 4 yrs	537	24%	254	19%	425	23%	231	16%	388	18%	281	22%	58	23%	18	64%	2,192	21%
Unspecified	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	*
Total	2,249	100%	1,371	100%	1,846	100%	1,476	100%	2,168	100%	1,250	100%	252	100%	28	100%	10,640	100%

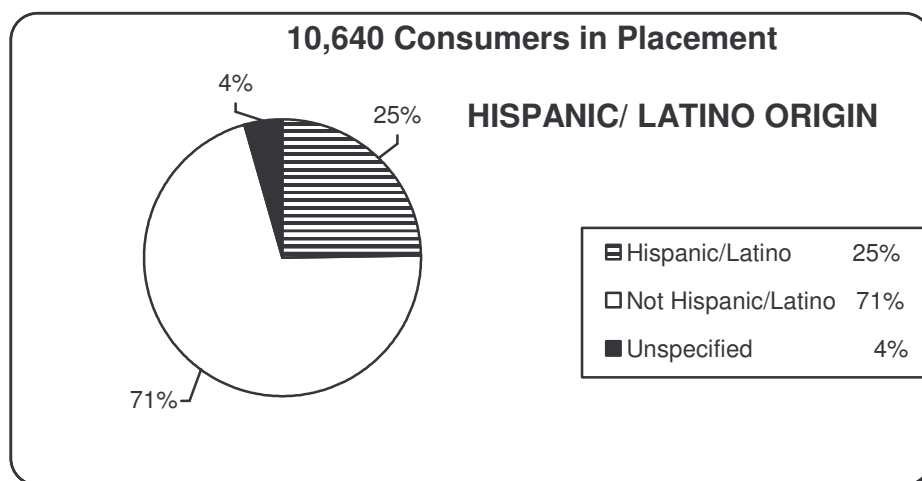
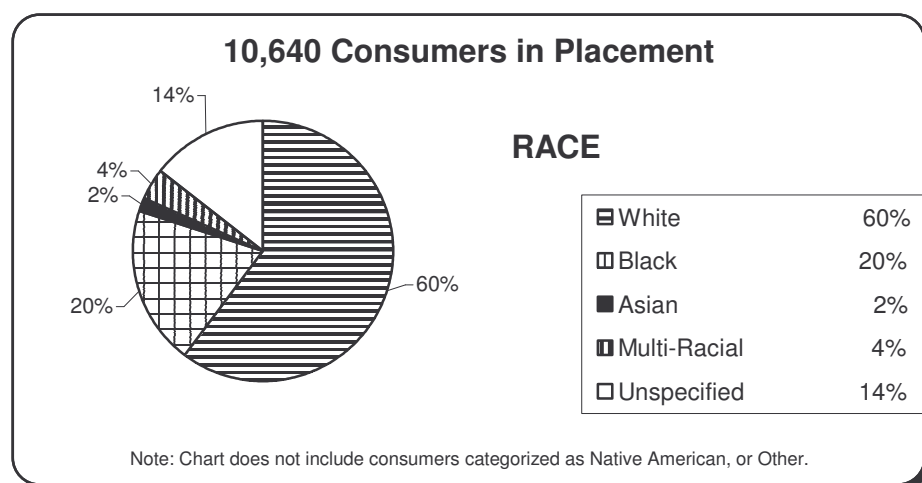
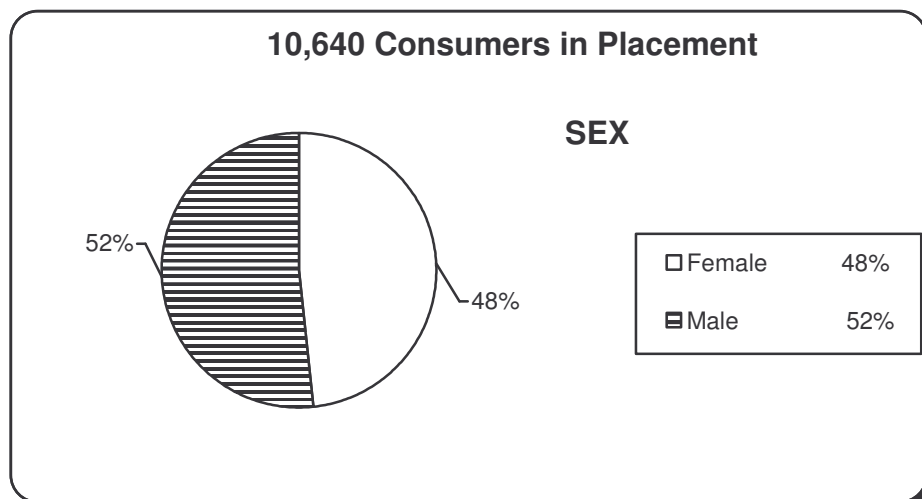
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Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

⁽¹⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.

⁽²⁾ Includes primarily consumers served through Central Office contracts.

**FIGURE 11A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY SEX, RACE, AND HISPANIC ORIGIN
STATEWIDE: FY'2005, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/05)**



**FIGURE 11B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY AGE, SERVICE PLAN GOAL, AND
CONTINUOUS TIME IN PLACEMENT
STATEWIDE: FY'2005, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/05)**

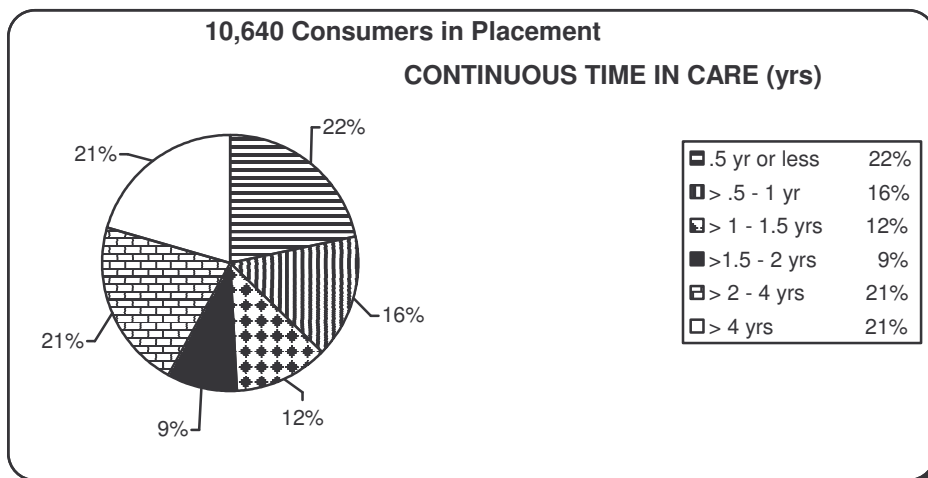
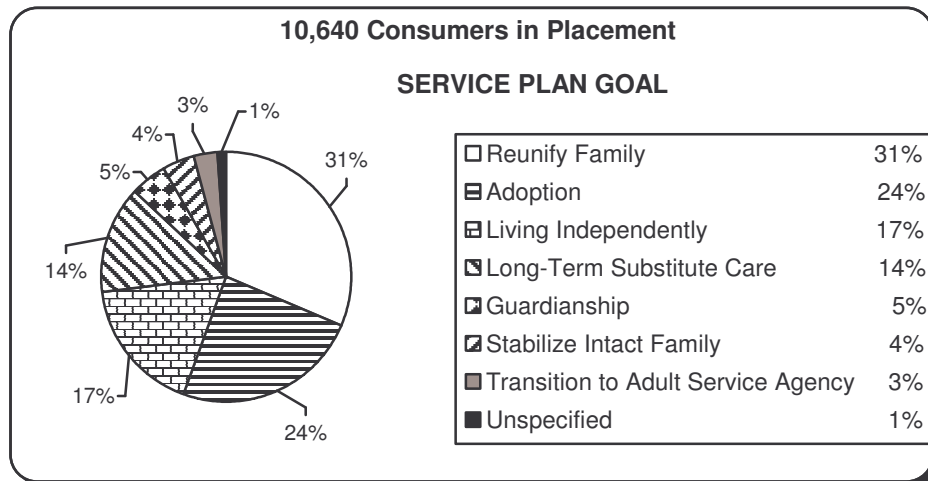
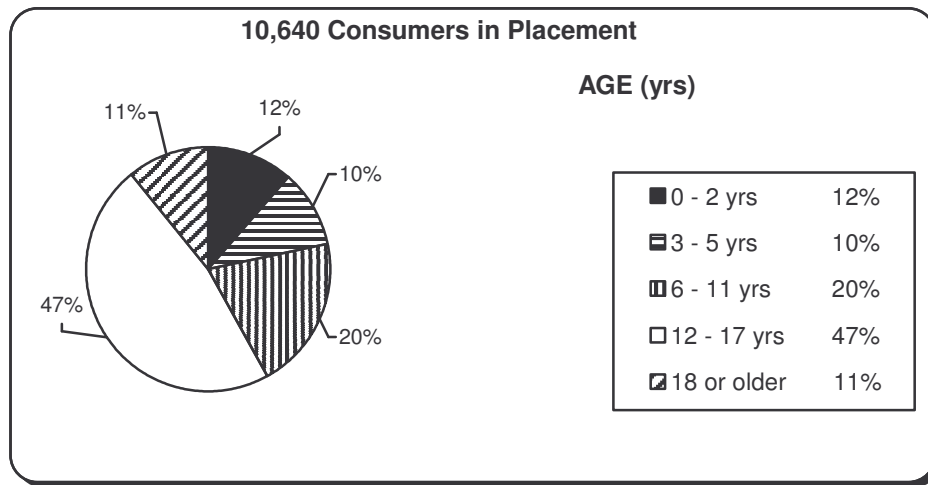


TABLE 7A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY RACE AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE: STATEWIDE FY'2005, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/05)

Continuous Time in Care	Race of Consumers														Total	
	White		Black		Asian		Native American		Other ⁽¹⁾		Multi-Racial		Unspecified			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
(.5 yr or less)	1,390	22%	424	20%	38	22%	3	9%	---	---	99	24%	343	22%	2,297	22%
(>.5 - 1 yr)	1,044	16%	304	15%	20	11%	8	25%	---	---	64	15%	229	15%	1,669	16%
(>1 - 1.5 yrs)	781	12%	221	11%	21	12%	7	22%	1	20%	56	14%	191	13%	1,278	12%
(>1.5 - 2 yrs)	552	9%	171	8%	12	7%	4	13%	---	---	51	12%	134	9%	924	9%
(>2 - 4 yrs)	1,361	21%	452	22%	35	20%	4	13%	1	20%	85	21%	341	22%	2,279	21%
> 4yrs	1,274	20%	514	25%	48	28%	6	19%	3	60%	58	14%	289	19%	2,192	21%
Unspecified	1	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	*
Total	6,403	100%	2,086	100%	174	100%	32	100%	5	100%	413	100%	1,527	100%	10,640	100%

⁽¹⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

TABLE 7B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY HISPANIC/LATINO ORIGIN AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE: STATEWIDE FY'2005, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/05)

Continuous Time in Care	Hispanic/Latino Origin ⁽¹⁾ of Consumers						Total	
	Hispanic/		Not Hispanic/		Unspecified			
	Latino		Latino				No.	%
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		
(.5 yr or less)	537	20%	1,633	22%	127	27%	2,297	22%
(>.5 - 1 yr)	379	14%	1,203	16%	87	19%	1,669	16%
(>1 - 1.5 yrs)	317	12%	904	12%	57	12%	1,278	12%
(>1.5 - 2 yrs)	249	9%	643	9%	32	7%	924	9%
(>2 - 4 yrs)	561	21%	1,636	22%	82	18%	2,279	21%
> 4yrs	590	22%	1,522	20%	80	17%	2,192	21%
Unspecified	---	---	1	*	---	---	1	*
Total	2,633	100%	7,542	100%	465	100%	10,640	100%

⁽¹⁾ Consumers of any race who self-identify as being of Hispanic origin.

TABLE 8A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY RACE AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL: STATEWIDE FY'2005, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/05)

Service Plan Goal	Race of Consumers														Total	
	White		Black		Asian		Native American		Other ⁽¹⁾		Multi-Racial		Unspecified			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Reunify Family	2,068	62%	573	17%	56	2%	13	*	---	---	151	5%	485	14%	3,346	100%
Adoption	1,559	61%	418	16%	27	1%	10	*	2	*	138	5%	418	16%	2,572	100%
Living Independently	1,067	57%	484	26%	47	3%	3	*	2	*	40	2%	216	12%	1,859	100%
Long-Term Substitute Care	882	59%	315	21%	26	2%	5	*	1	*	41	3%	214	14%	1,484	100%
Guardianship	276	57%	115	24%	6	1%	1	*	---	---	18	4%	67	14%	483	100%
Stabilize Intact Family	275	60%	88	19%	8	2%	---	---	---	---	18	4%	69	15%	458	100%
Long-Term Care w/Adult Serv. Agen.	212	68%	66	21%	3	1%	---	---	---	---	3	1%	28	9%	312	100%
Unspecified	64	51%	27	21%	1	1%	---	---	---	---	4	3%	30	24%	126	100%
Total	6,403	60%	2,086	20%	174	2%	32	*	5	*	413	4%	1,527	14%	10,640	100%

⁽¹⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

TABLE 8B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY HISPANIC/LATINO ORIGIN AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL: STATEWIDE FY'2005, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/05)

Service Plan Goal	Hispanic/Latino Origin ⁽¹⁾ of Consumers						Total	
	Hispanic/ Latino		Not Hispanic/ Latino		Unspecified			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Reunify Family	809	24%	2,374	71%	163	5%	3,346	100%
Adoption	725	28%	1,710	66%	137	5%	2,572	100%
Living Independently	373	20%	1,426	77%	60	3%	1,859	100%
Long-Term Substitute Care	414	28%	1,017	69%	53	4%	1,484	100%
Guardianship	97	20%	369	76%	17	4%	483	100%
Stabilize Intact Family	117	26%	326	71%	15	3%	458	100%
Long-Term Care w/Adult Serv. Agen.	63	20%	247	79%	2	1%	312	100%
Unspecified	35	28%	73	58%	18	14%	126	100%
Total	2,633	25%	7,542	71%	465	4%	10,640	100%

⁽¹⁾ Consumers of any race who self-identify as being of Hispanic/Latino origin.

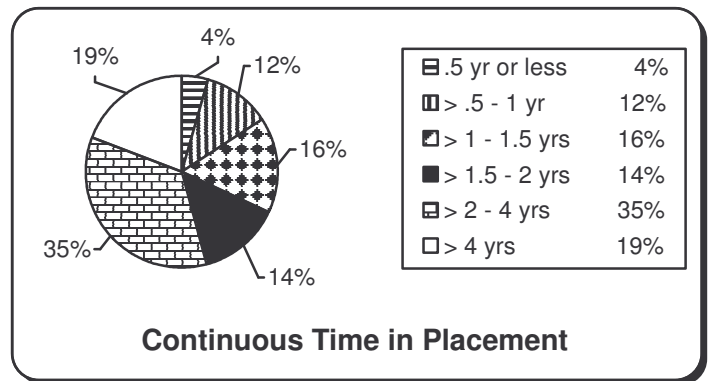
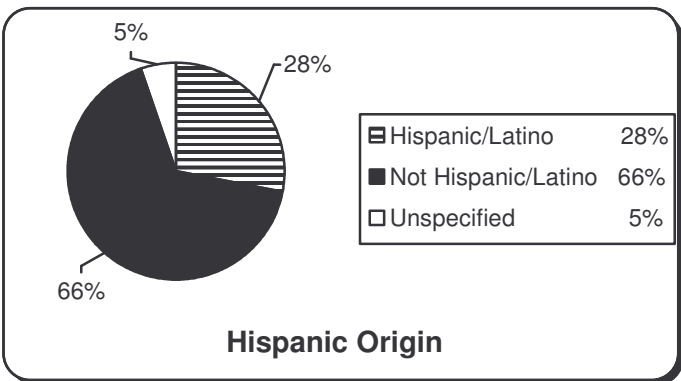
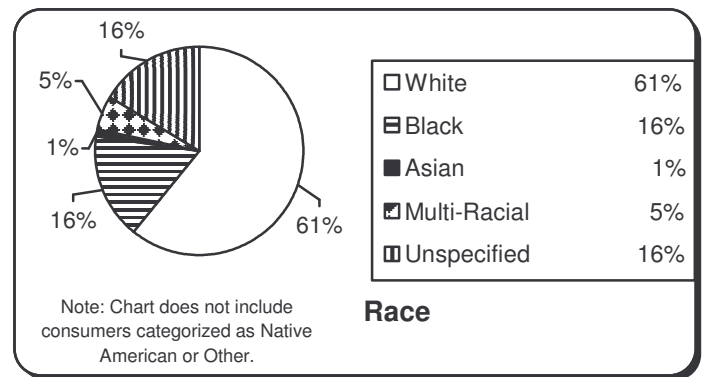
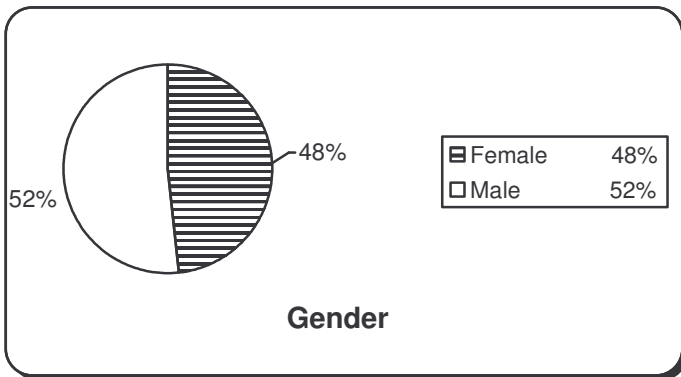
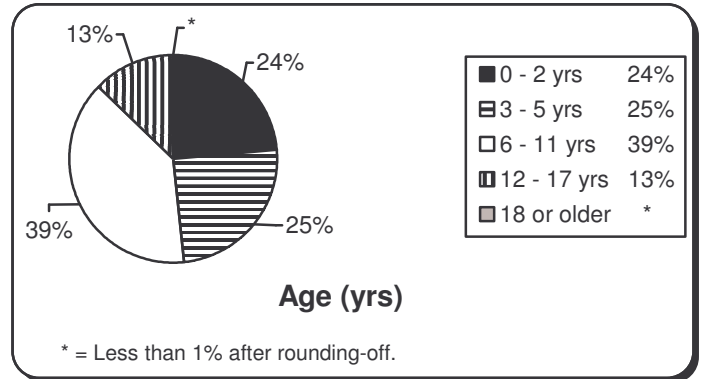
TABLE 8C. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY AGE GROUP AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL: STATEWIDE FY'2005, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/05)

Service Plan Goal	Age Group of Consumers										Total	
	(0 - 2 yrs)		(3 - 5 yrs)		(6 - 11 yrs)		(12 - 17 yrs)		18 or older			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Reunify Family	496	15%	371	11%	782	23%	1,680	50%	17	1%	3,346	100%
Adoption	608	24%	636	25%	1,000	39%	325	13%	3	*	2,572	100%
Living Independently	---	---	---	---	---	---	966	52%	893	48%	1,859	100%
Long-Term Substitute Care	3	*	5	*	151	10%	1,276	86%	49	3%	1,484	100%
Guardianship	14	3%	33	7%	137	28%	295	61%	4	1%	483	100%
Stabilize Intact Family	57	12%	32	7%	77	17%	279	61%	13	3%	458	100%
Long-Term Care w/Adult Serv. Agen.	---	---	---	---	10	3%	116	37%	186	60%	312	100%
Unspecified	48	38%	7	6%	8	6%	62	49%	1	1%	126	100%
Total	1,226	12%	1,084	10%	2,165	20%	4,999	47%	1,166	11%	10,640	100%

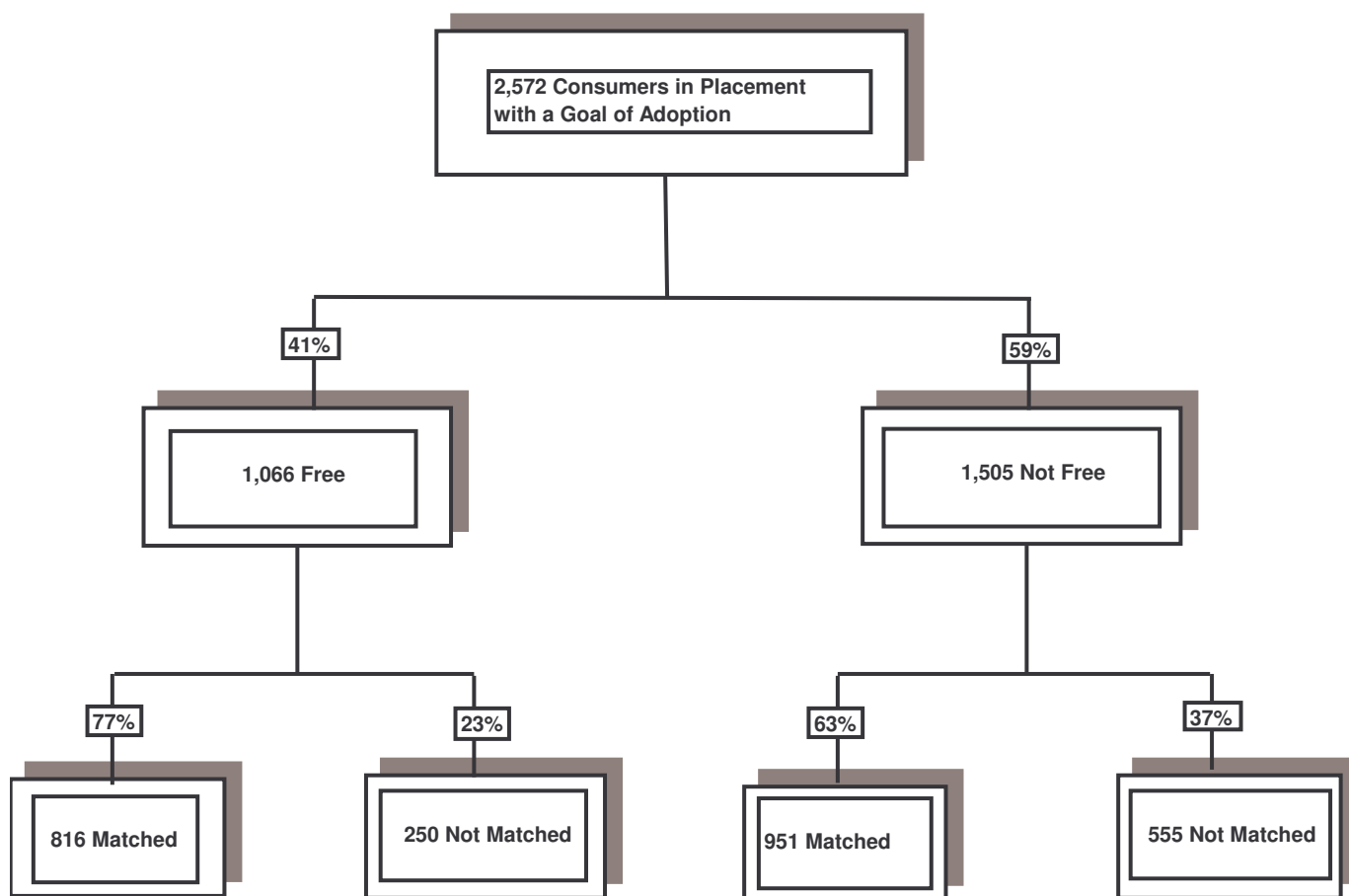
TABLE 8D. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY CONTINUOUS TIME IN PLACEMENT AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL: STATEWIDE FY'2005, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/05)

Service Plan Goal	Continuous Time in Placement														Total	
	(.5yr or less)		(> .5 - 1 yr)		(>1 - 1.5 yrs)		(>1.5 - 2 yrs)		(>2 - 4 yrs)		> 4 yrs		Unspecified			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Reunify Family	1,465	44%	1,008	30%	473	14%	182	5%	175	5%	42	1%	1	*	3,346	100%
Adoption	111	4%	299	12%	415	16%	354	14%	901	35%	492	19%	---	---	2,572	100%
Living Independently	96	5%	144	8%	148	8%	161	9%	558	30%	752	40%	---	---	1,859	100%
Long-Term Substitute Care	97	7%	91	6%	125	8%	130	9%	426	29%	615	41%	---	---	1,484	100%
Guardianship	34	7%	51	11%	84	17%	72	15%	148	31%	94	19%	---	---	483	100%
Stabilize Intact Family	354	77%	48	10%	26	6%	9	2%	11	2%	10	2%	---	---	458	100%
Long-Term Care w/Adult Serv. Agen.	20	6%	22	7%	7	2%	16	5%	60	19%	187	60%	---	---	312	100%
Unspecified	120	95%	6	5%	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	126	100%
Total	2,297	22%	1,669	16%	1,278	12%	924	9%	2,279	21%	2,192	21%	1	0%	10,640	100%

**Figure 12A. Age, Sex, Race, Hispanic Origin, and Continuous Time in Placement of Consumers with a Goal of Adoption
FY'2005, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/05)**



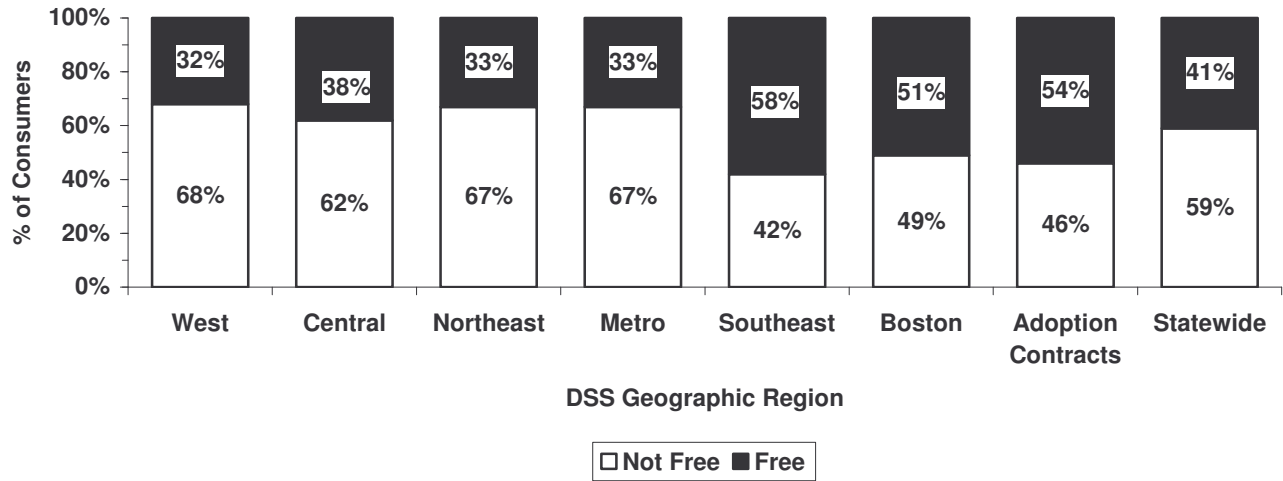
**Figure 12B. Consumers in Placement with a Goal of Adoption:
Legal Status and Match Status
FY'2005, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/05)**



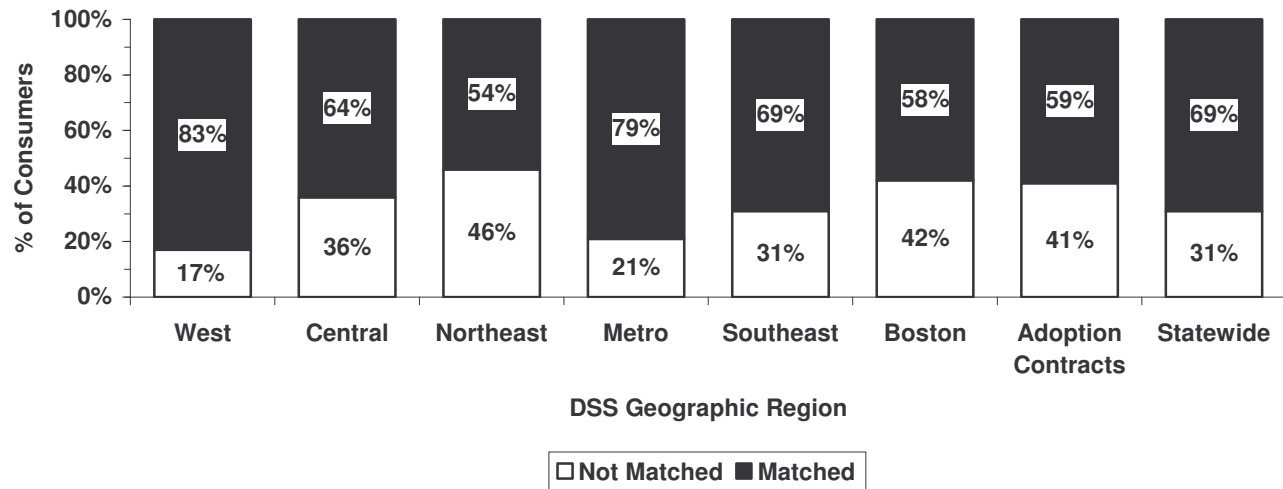
Note: Free = Legally Free for Adoption

Matched = Matched to a Permanent Family

**Figure 12C. Consumers in Placement with a Goal of Adoption and Legally Freed Status
FY'05, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/05)**



**Figure 12D. Consumers in Placement with a Goal of Adoption and
Whether Matched to a Permanent Family
FY'05, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/05)**



Case Intakes (Openings)

- During the 4th Quarter of FY'2005, there were 3,981 case openings (unduplicated) and 16,552 consumer openings (unduplicated). Case openings include both new cases and cases that previously had been closed by DSS. Consumers who entered the DSS system during the quarter include both members of new cases and new members of ongoing cases, as well as re-opened consumers (previously opened and closed). **(Tables 9A and 9B)**
- Eighty-three percent of case intakes and 86% of consumer intakes were due to supported abuse/neglect reports. **(Tables 9A and 9B)**
- Voluntary requests for services accounted for 7% of case intakes and 6% of consumer intakes. **(Tables 9A and 9B)**
- CHINS referrals amounted to 7% of case intakes and 6% of consumer intakes. **(Tables 9A and 9B)**
- The proportion of case openings by type of intake is presented for each region in Fig. 13. Supported reports accounted for 80-86% of the total intakes for each region. The Boston and Central Regions had the largest proportions of CHINS referrals (10% and 9%, respectively). Voluntary requests were most significant (12%) in the Metro Region. **(Fig. 13, Table 9A)**
- The regional counts of CHINS referrals ranged from 31 (Metro) to 64 (Southeast) cases. Voluntary requests were highest in Metro. Case intakes via supported reports of child maltreatment were most numerous in the Southeast and West. The Southeast and West had the highest numbers of supported investigations during the 4th quarter (See Table 14 on page 51). **(Table 9A)**
- Regionally, case openings were lowest in the 1st Quarter of FY'2005. **(Fig. 14)**. This quarterly trend in case openings is driven by reports and investigations. Reports and investigations are lowest in the 1st quarter (summer vacation) then rise during the school year **(Figs. 20 and 21 on page 53)**.

TABLE 9A. CASE INTAKES DURING THE QUARTER BY TYPE OF INITIAL CONTACT AND DSS REGION: FY'2005, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/05 - 6/30/05)

DSS Geographic Region	Case Counts ⁽¹⁾										Total No.
	Supported CA/N Reports		CHINS Referrals		Voluntary Requests for Services		Other ⁽²⁾		Unspecified		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Western	640	86%	50	7%	43	6%	8	1%	---	---	741
Central	464	82%	50	9%	43	8%	6	1%	---	---	563
Northeast	532	86%	36	6%	34	5%	16	3%	1	*	619
Metro	514	82%	31	5%	76	12%	6	1%	---	---	627
Southeast	722	80%	64	7%	57	6%	64	7%	---	---	907
Boston	457	84%	53	10%	25	5%	10	2%	---	---	545
Adoption Contracts ⁽³⁾	4	100%	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	4
Total	3,333	83%	284	7%	278	7%	110	3%	1	*	4,006

⁽¹⁾ Case openings include both new cases and cases that previously had been closed. The total summation for each DSS Region is a duplicated count because some families had more than one case opening in a quarter by more than one type of initial contact. The unduplicated count of total case openings is **3,981**.

⁽²⁾ Examples are a court order to provide services or a request on behalf of a consumer by another agency.

⁽³⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.

TABLE 9B. CONSUMER INTAKES DURING THE QUARTER BY TYPE OF INITIAL CONTACT AND DSS REGION: FY'2005, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/05 - 6/30/05)

DSS Geographic Region	Consumer Counts ⁽¹⁾										Total No.
	Supported		CHINS		Voluntary Requests						
	CA/N Reports		Referrals		for Services		Other ⁽²⁾		Unspecified		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Western	2,806	90%	154	5%	145	5%	28	1%	---	---	3,133
Central	2,059	85%	170	7%	170	7%	20	1%	---	---	2,419
Northeast	2,343	89%	144	5%	107	4%	51	2%	1	*	2,646
Metro	2,136	84%	120	5%	272	11%	20	1%	---	---	2,548
Southeast	3,128	82%	227	6%	211	6%	241	6%	---	---	3,807
Boston	1,893	88%	160	7%	70	3%	25	1%	---	---	2,148
Adoption Contracts ⁽³⁾	6	100%	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	6
Total	14,371	86%	975	6%	975	6%	385	2%	1	*	16,707

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

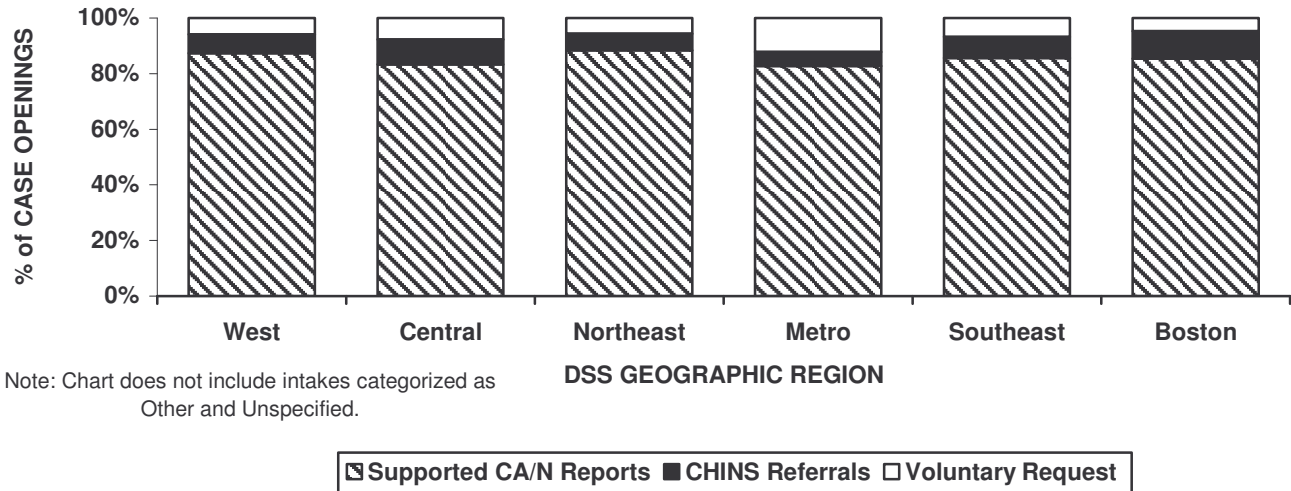
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⁽¹⁾ Counts of consumers with case openings or newly added to ongoing cases during the quarter. The total summation for each DSS Region is a duplicated count because some consumers had more than one type of initial contact during the quarter. The unduplicated count of total consumers with case openings or newly added to ongoing cases is **16,552**.

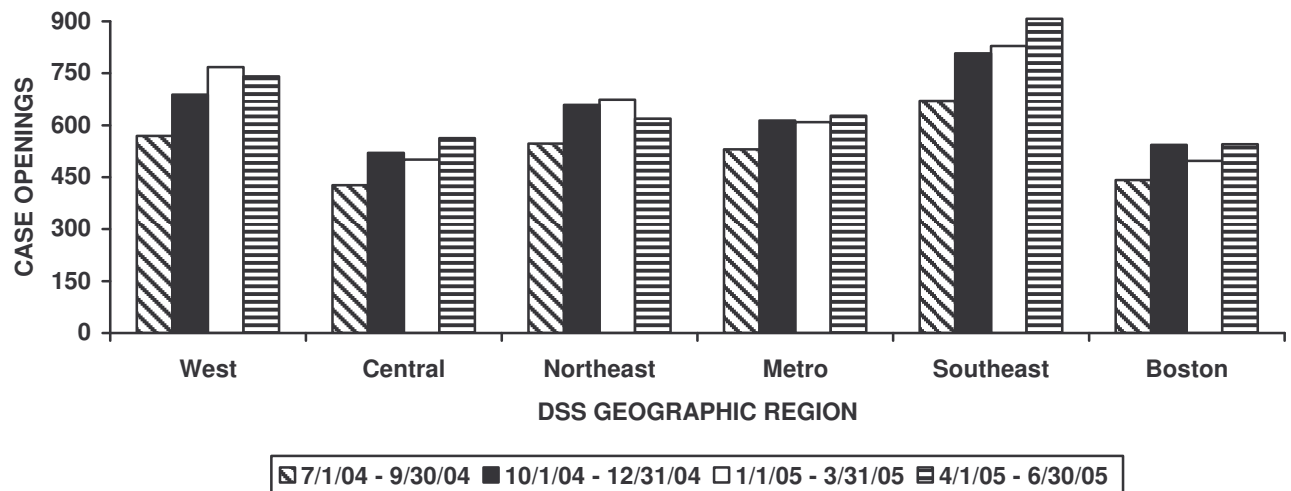
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**FIGURE 13. REASON FOR CASE OPENINGS BY DSS REGION
FY'2005, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/05 - 6/30/05)**



**FIGURE 14. INTAKES (CASE OPENINGS) BY DSS REGION
(FY'2005, 1ST QUARTER - FY'2005, 4TH QUARTER)**



Consumers with Placements Starting or Ending during the Quarter

- During the 4th Quarter of FY'2005, 3,781 consumers started at least one placement and 1,899 consumers left at least one placement.¹¹ These counts of placement dynamics are not the same as consumer entries and exits to placement since they include consumers who changed placements during the quarter. (Tables 10 and 11)
- Of those consumers who started a placement setting during the 4th Quarter of FY'2005, 32% were first-time entrants and 68% were re-entrants.¹² The re-entrant total includes consumers going from a home to a placement location and consumers changing placements.¹³ Regionally, the proportion of first-time entrants ranged from 29% in Boston to 39% in the both the Southeast and Central. (Table 10, Fig. 15)
- The largest influx to placement (first-time entrants and re-entrants combined) occurred in the Southeast (20% of statewide entrants) and West (19% of statewide entrants). (Table 10)
- Across the state, 67% of all entrants were placed in foster care, 25% were placed in residential care, and 8% were placed in non-referral locations.¹⁴ (Table 10)
- Statewide, first-time entrants to placement were more likely than re-entrants to be placed in foster care. Seventy-nine percent of first-time entrants and 62% of re-entrants were placed in foster homes. Conversely, 29% of re-entrants and 17% of first-time entrants were placed in residential care. (Table 10)
- Compared to other regions, Metro placed a much higher proportion of both first-time entrants (35%) and re-entrants (49%) into residential care. (Table 10, Fig. 16)
- Metro was the only region where the number of re-entrants going into residential care (166) was greater than the number of re-entrants going into foster care (148). Statewide, 733 re-entrants were placed in residential care and 1,573 re-entrants were placed in foster care. (Table 10)

¹¹ For individuals with multiple entries and exits during the quarter, only the first entry and exit were selected.

¹² Re-entrants are consumers who had been in placement at some point in the past.

¹³ Changing providers.

¹⁴ Non-referral locations include hospitals and other state agencies.

- Statewide, 33% of the consumers leaving a placement setting were returned home. The proportion returned home ranged from 26% in Boston to 43% in Metro. **(Table 11)**
- Excluding consumers changing placements from the list of consumers with placements ending during the quarter, leaves 989 consumers who actually left placement. Sixty-two percent of the 989 consumers leaving placement were returned home. **(Table 11)**

TABLE 10. CONSUMERS STARTING PLACEMENTS DURING THE QUARTER BY DSS REGION: FY'2005, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/05 - 6/30/05)

DSS Geographic Region										
Entry Type	Placement Location Started	West	Central	Northeast	Metro	Southeast	Boston	Adoption Contracts ⁽¹⁾	Other ⁽²⁾	Total
First-Time Entrants:		212	165	216	204	299	120	---	9	1,225
	Foster Care	183	137	154	125	260	98	---	8	965
	Residential	22	21	50	72	34	14	---	---	213
	Non-Referral Location ⁽³⁾	7	7	12	7	5	8	---	1	47
Re-Entrants:		514	260	414	338	458	295	38	239	2,556
	Foster Care	401	170	248	148	274	166	33	133	1,573
	Residential	67	60	129	166	148	80	3	80	733
	Non-Referral Location ⁽³⁾	46	30	37	24	36	49	2	26	250
Total		726	425	630	542	757	415	38	248	3,781

⁽¹⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.

⁽²⁾ Includes primarily consumers served through Central Office contracts.

⁽³⁾ Includes hospitals and other state agencies.

TABLE 11. CONSUMERS ENDING PLACEMENTS DURING THE QUARTER BY DSS REGION: FY'2005, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/05 - 6/30/05)

Reason Placement Ended	DSS Geographic Region						Adoption		Total
	West	Central	Northeast	Metro	Southeast	Boston	Contracts ⁽¹⁾	Other ⁽²⁾	
Child Returned Home	114	78	100	118	120	57	---	31	618
New or Other Service Referral for Placement	121	49	106	84	115	52	7	36	570
New Sub-Contract Referral for Placement	19	25	34	23	25	30	1	38	195
Placement in Non-Referral Location	23	19	31	15	17	28	---	12	145
Child on the Run	15	12	22	13	19	24	1	12	118
Child 18 or Older	14	5	13	12	23	9	---	5	81
Consumer Adopted	11	13	3	4	14	15	3	2	65
Custody to Other Individual	17	2	18	5	4	6	---	---	52
Guardianship	---	1	1	1	3	---	---	38	44
Custody to Other Agency	1	2	3	1	1	---	---	1	9
Consumer Deceased	1	---	---	1	---	---	---	---	2
Total	336	206	331	277	341	221	12	175	1,899

⁽¹⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.

⁽²⁾ Includes primarily consumers served through Central Office contracts.

FIGURE 15. CONSUMERS WITH PLACEMENTS STARTING DURING THE QUARTER (FIRST-TIME ENTRANTS AND RE-ENTRANTS)
FY'2005, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/05 - 6/30/05)

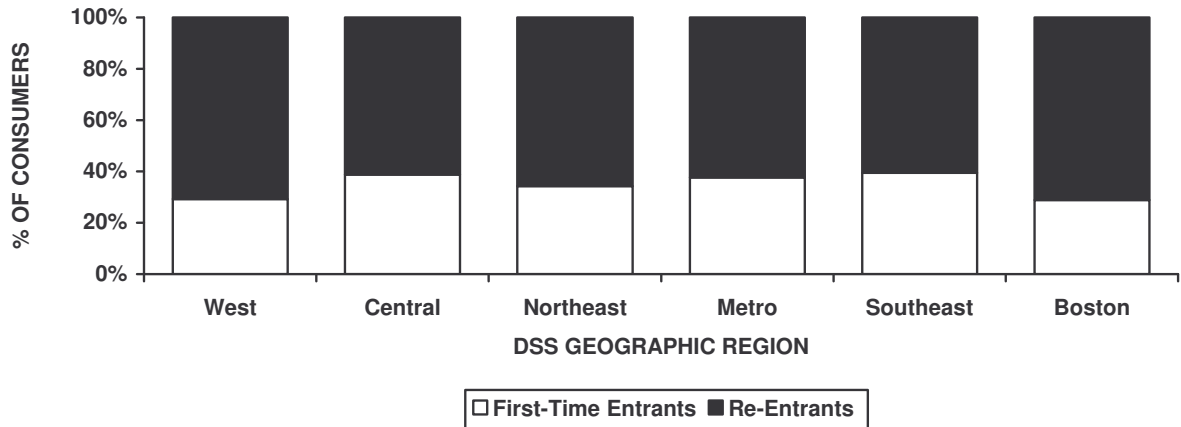
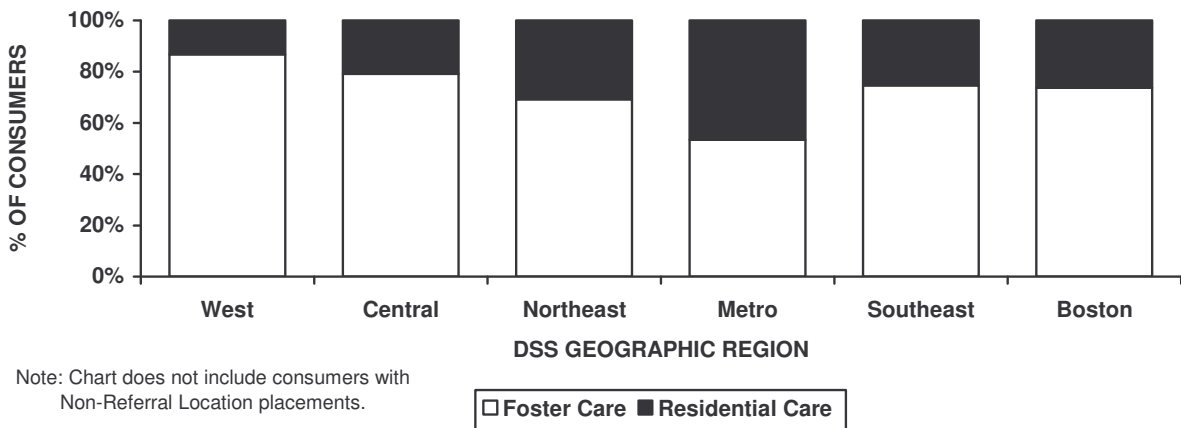
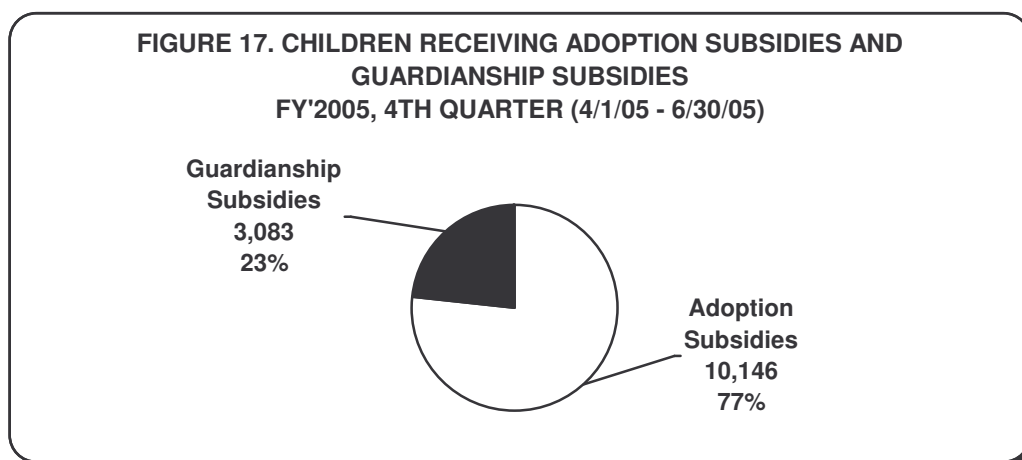


FIGURE 16. CONSUMERS WITH FOSTER AND RESIDENTIAL CARE PLACEMENTS STARTING DURING THE QUARTER
FY'2005, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/05 - 6/30/05)



Adoption and Guardianship Subsidies

- At the end of the 4th Quarter of FY'2005, the total number of children receiving adoption subsidies was 10,146. Guardianship subsidies totaled 3,083. **(Fig. 17)**



From the 3rd to the 4th Quarter, adoption and guardianship subsidies both increased 1%. Typically, adoption subsidies increase about 1% each quarter while guardianship subsidies increase around 1-3%. The decline in subsidies from the 1st to the 2nd Quarter of FY'2003 is deceptive. It resulted from a mass cleanup of cases rather than a true reduction. (See table below)

	Subsidies (Active Service Referrals)			
	Adoption		Guardianship	
<i>Quarter</i>	No.	Quarterly Change	No.	Quarterly Change
FY'2002: 1 st	9,240	1%	2,789	1%
2 nd	9,361	1%	2,809	1%
3 rd	9,482	1%	2,863	2%
4 th	9,576	1%	2,944	3%
FY'2003 1 st	9,696	1%	2,921	-1%
2 nd	9,240	-5%	2,738	-6%
3 rd	9,328	1%	2,779	1%
4 th	9,470	2%	2,838	2%
FY'2004 1 st	9,605	1%	2,839	*
2 nd	9,616	*	2,866	1%
3 rd	9,712	1%	2,944	3%
4 th	9,859	2%	2,996	2%
FY'2005 1 st	9,954	1%	3,002	*
2 nd	10,081	1%	3,081	3%
3 rd	10,002	-1%	3,050	-1%
4 th	10,146	1%	3,083	1%

*= Less than 1% after rounding-off

Foster Homes¹⁵

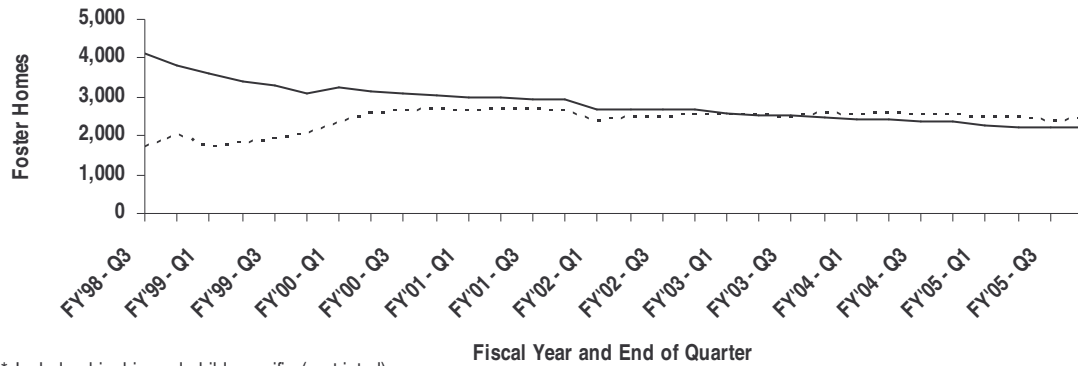
- At the end of the 4th Quarter of FY'2005, there were 4,640 foster homes. Included in this total are kinship and child-specific (restricted) homes¹⁶ as well as unrestricted homes.¹⁷ Unrestricted foster homes accounted for 48% (2,208) of the foster home total while restricted foster homes amounted to 52% (2,432). **(Table 12A)**
- From the 3rd Quarter of FY'1998 to 4th Quarter of FY'2005, restricted homes as a proportion of all foster homes gradually increased from 29% to 52%. **(See graph on next page)**
- Statewide, 78% of foster parents in unrestricted homes were White and 59% were married. **(Tables 12A and 12C)**
- Statewide, 75% of the foster parents in restricted homes were White and 50% were married. **(Tables 12A and 12C)**
- Fourteen percent (628) of all foster homes were identified as Black (342 restricted and 286 unrestricted). **(Table 12A)**
- Fifteen percent (715) of all foster homes were identified as Hispanic/Latino (359 restricted and 356 unrestricted). **(Table 12B)**

¹⁵ Foster homes provide formal, temporary out-of-home placement to children who are in the care/custody of DSS. Foster families may be related or unrelated to the child.

¹⁶ Child-specific and kinship placements occur (1) when a court orders a child to be placed in a specific foster home; or (2) when a child requires placement and the child or his/her parent(s) has selected another home in which the child chooses to live; or (3) when DSS places a child with relatives or with a caregiver who has a relationship with the child.

¹⁷ Unrestricted placements are those where DSS places a child with a non-relative foster family. Unlike restricted homes (child specific and kinship), the unrestricted home is not limited to a particular child.

RESTRICTED AND UNRESTRICTED FOSTER HOMES **End of 3rd Quarter of FY'1998 (3/31/98) to End of 4th Quarter of FY'2005 (6/30/05)**



* Includes kinship and child specific (restricted) homes as well as unrestricted homes.

— Unrestricted Restricted

TABLE 12A. PROFILE OF FOSTER HOMES BY RACE AND DSS REGION: FY'2005, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/05) ⁽¹⁾

Provider Status	DSS Geographic Region												Adoption Contracts ⁽²⁾		Total	
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston					
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Restricted:	451		348		394		327		619		255		38		2,432	
White	363	80%	281	81%	298	76%	267	82%	499	81%	94	37%	21	55%	1,823	75%
Black	56	12%	21	6%	21	5%	30	9%	69	11%	134	53%	11	29%	342	14%
Asian	---	---	3	1%	20	5%	1	*	2	*	3	1%	---	---	29	1%
Native American	---	---	---	---	1	*	---	---	7	1%	1	*	1	3%	10	*
Other ⁽³⁾	1	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	*	---	---	2	*
Multi-Racial	6	1%	---	---	4	1%	1	*	2	*	2	1%	1	3%	16	1%
Unspecified	25	6%	43	12%	50	13%	28	9%	40	6%	20	8%	4	11%	210	9%
Unrestricted:	506		317		319		277		466		192		131		2,208	
White	399	79%	284	90%	255	80%	236	85%	392	84%	54	28%	113	86%	1,733	78%
Black	67	13%	17	5%	11	3%	32	12%	37	8%	111	58%	11	8%	286	13%
Asian	---	---	---	---	11	3%	---	---	2	*	---	---	1	1%	14	1%
Native American	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	5	1%	---	---	---	---	5	*
Multi-Racial	36	7%	1	*	5	2%	1	*	2	*	2	1%	---	---	47	2%
Unspecified	4	1%	15	5%	37	12%	8	3%	28	6%	25	13%	6	5%	123	6%
Total	957		665		713		604		1,085		447		169		4,640	

⁽¹⁾ Includes kinship and child specific (restricted) homes as well as unrestricted homes.

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

⁽²⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.

⁽³⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

TABLE 12B. PROFILE OF FOSTER HOMES BY HISPANIC ORIGIN AND DSS REGION: FY'2005, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/05) ⁽¹⁾

DSS Geographic Region															Total	
Provider Status	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston		Adoption Contracts ⁽²⁾			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Restricted:	451		348		394		327		619		255		38		2,432	
Hispanic/Latino	109	24%	51	15%	80	20%	35	11%	41	7%	38	15%	5	13%	359	15%
Not Hispanic/Latino	327	73%	283	81%	292	74%	274	84%	554	89%	213	84%	28	74%	1,971	81%
Unspecified	15	3%	14	4%	22	6%	18	6%	24	4%	4	2%	5	13%	102	4%
Unrestricted:	506		317		319		277		466		192		131		2,208	
Hispanic/Latino	124	25%	39	12%	84	26%	16	6%	45	10%	43	22%	5	4%	356	16%
Not Hispanic/Latino	381	75%	273	86%	224	70%	256	92%	408	88%	148	77%	126	96%	1,816	82%
Unspecified	1	*	5	2%	11	3%	5	2%	13	3%	1	1%	---	---	36	2%
Total	957		665		713		604		1,085		447		169		4,640	

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

⁽¹⁾ Includes kinship and child specific (restricted) homes as well as unrestricted homes.

⁽²⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.

TABLE 12C. PROFILE OF FOSTER HOMES BY MARITAL STATUS AND DSS REGION: FY'2005, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/05) ⁽¹⁾

DSS Geographic Region																	
Provider	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston		Adoption Contracts ⁽²⁾		Total		
Status	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Restricted:	451		348		394		327		619		255		38		2,432		
Married	224	50%	189	54%	204	52%	162	50%	334	54%	89	35%	23	61%	1,225	50%	
Single	124	27%	84	24%	102	26%	89	27%	146	24%	98	38%	7	18%	650	27%	
Divorced	50	11%	52	15%	41	10%	42	13%	70	11%	33	13%	3	8%	291	12%	
Separated	30	7%	10	3%	25	6%	9	3%	26	4%	20	8%	2	5%	122	5%	
Widowed	18	4%	10	3%	13	3%	18	6%	33	5%	15	6%	1	3%	108	4%	
Unspecified	5	1%	3	1%	9	2%	7	2%	10	2%	---	---	2	5%	36	1%	
Unrestricted:	506		317		319		277		466		192		131		2,208		
Married	291	58%	240	76%	176	55%	155	56%	299	64%	63	33%	89	68%	1,313	59%	
Single	95	19%	39	12%	82	26%	77	28%	74	16%	84	44%	35	27%	486	22%	
Divorced	74	15%	31	10%	30	9%	29	10%	56	12%	26	14%	7	5%	253	11%	
Widowed	23	5%	3	1%	13	4%	12	4%	22	5%	8	4%	---	---	81	4%	
Separated	23	5%	4	1%	17	5%	4	1%	15	3%	11	6%	---	---	74	3%	
Unspecified	---	---	---	---	1	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	*	
Total	957		665		713		604		1,085		447		169		4,640		

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

⁽¹⁾ Includes kinship and child specific (restricted) homes as well as unrestricted homes.

⁽²⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.

Child Maltreatment Reports, Investigations, and DA Referrals

Reports

- Statewide, 19,242 reports were recorded during the 4th Quarter of FY'2005. Sixty-one percent of the reports were screened-in for investigation. Seven percent of all reports were screened-in as emergencies. **(Table 13)**
- Among regions, reports of child maltreatment were most numerous in the West (3,633) and Southeast (3,023). The Judge Baker Children's Center (hotline) recorded 4,193 reports. Regional screen-in rates ranged from 53% in the West to 65% in Boston. The screen-in rate at the Judge Baker Children's Center was 68%. **(Table 13 and Fig. 18)**
- The DSS Regions screened-in 2-3% of all reports as emergencies. In contrast, emergency screen-ins accounted for 23% of the reports received by the Judge Baker Children's Center Hotline. **(Table 13)**
- Statewide, reports rose 19% from the 1st Quarter of FY'2005 to the 4th Quarter of FY'2005. Increases ranged from 17% in Metro to 29% in both Central and Boston. Typically, report counts drop during the summer quarter (Q1) then climb during the school year quarters (Q2-Q4). **(Fig. 20)**

Investigations

- The number of investigations completed during the 4th Quarter of FY'2005 was 10,313.¹⁸ Fifty-seven percent of the investigations resulted in a supported finding. **(Table 14)**
- The Southeast conducted more investigations (2,071) than the other regions. Regional support rates went from a low of 53% in the Northeast to a high of 58% in both the West and Metro. Judge Baker staff achieved the highest support rate: 71% of the completed investigations (all emergencies) were supported. **(Table 14, Fig. 19)**

¹⁸ The number of investigations is lower than the number of screened-in reports. This occurs because an investigation may be associated to multiple reports on the same incident or by reports received on separate but closely occurring incidents.

- The Boston (65%), Northeastern (64%), and Southeastern (62%) Regions had the highest screen-in rates. A high screen-in rate does not necessarily mean a high support rate. The Northeastern Region had the second highest screen-in rate and the lowest support rate (53%). Conversely, the Western Region had lowest screen-in rate (53%) and the highest support rate (58%). **(Table 14, Fig. 19)**
- Statewide, investigations increased 14% from the 1st to the 2nd Quarter of FY'2005, decreased 9% from the 2nd to the 3rd quarter, and increased 12% from the 3rd to the 4th quarter. The statewide fluctuation in investigations was a reflection of what was occurring in each of the DSS Regions. **(Fig. 21)**

TABLE 13. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS BY DSS REGION: FY'2005, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/05 - 6/30/05)

DSS Geographic Region	Screening Decision						Total	
	Screened Out		Screened-In					
			Non-Emergency		Emergency			
No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
West	1,702	47%	1,863	51%	68	2%	3,633	19%
Central	1,099	45%	1,292	53%	38	2%	2,429	13%
Northeast	862	36%	1,483	62%	36	2%	2,381	12%
Metro	734	41%	1,018	57%	34	2%	1,786	9%
Southeast	1,164	39%	1,781	59%	78	3%	3,023	16%
Boston	616	34%	1,130	63%	41	2%	1,787	9%
Judge Baker Children's Center	1,340	32%	1,882	45%	971	23%	4,193	22%
Special Investigations	1	10%	9	90%	---	---	10	*
Total	7,518	39%	10,458	54%	1,266	7%	19,242	100%

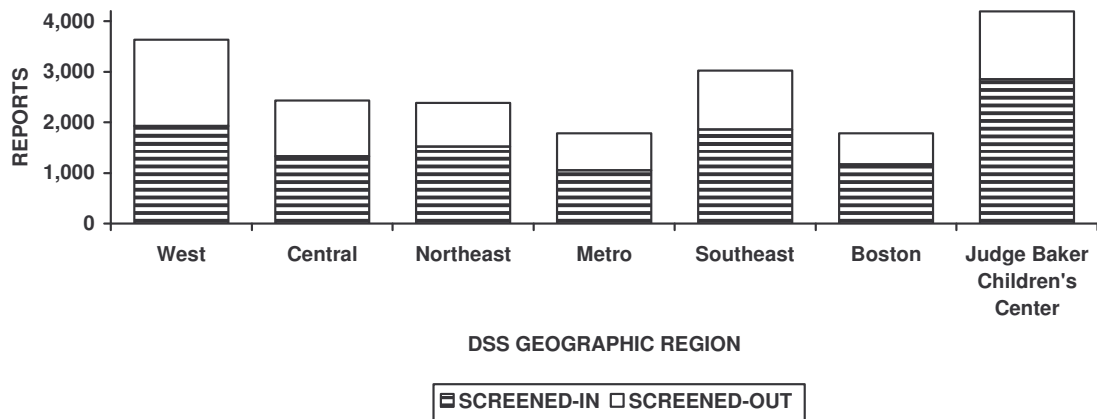
TABLE 14. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT INVESTIGATIONS BY DSS REGION: FY'2005, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/05 - 6/30/05)

DSS Geographic Region	Investigation Decision				Total	
	Supported		Unsupported			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
West	1,019	58%	751	42%	1,770	17%
Central	727	55%	590	45%	1,317	13%
Northeast	894	53%	804	47%	1,698	16%
Metro	729	58%	521	42%	1,250	12%
Southeast	1,172	57%	899	43%	2,071	20%
Boston	672	56%	531	44%	1,203	12%
Judge Baker Children's Center	574	71%	236	29%	810	8%
Special Investigations	43	22%	151	78%	194	2%
Total	5,830	57%	4,483	43%	10,313	100%

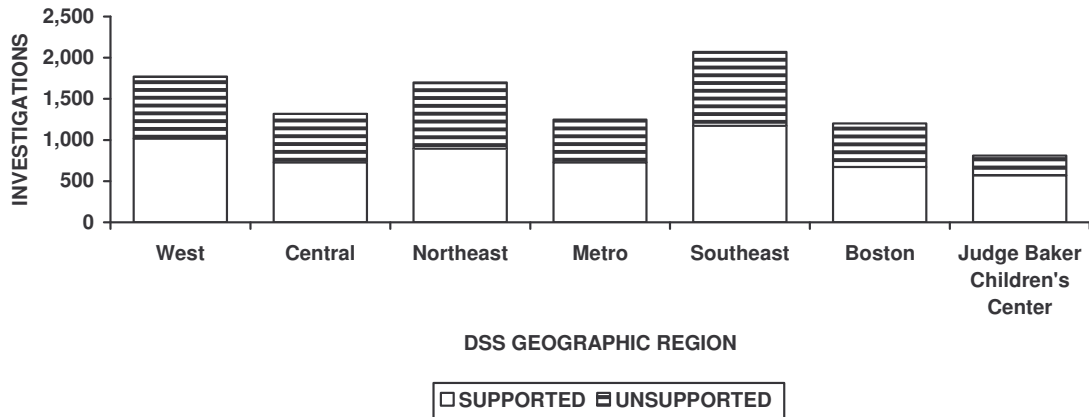
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Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

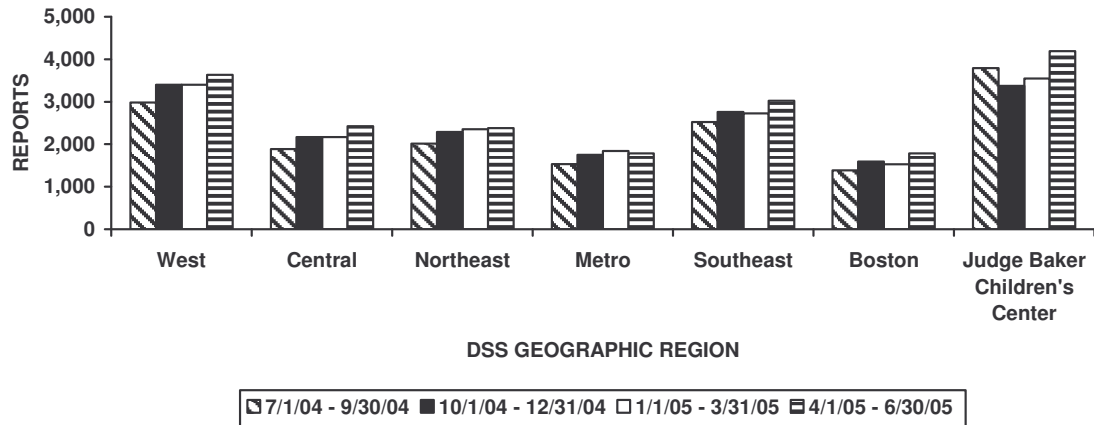
**FIGURE 18. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS
(SCREENING DECISION BY DSS REGION)
FY'2005, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/05 - 6/30/05)**



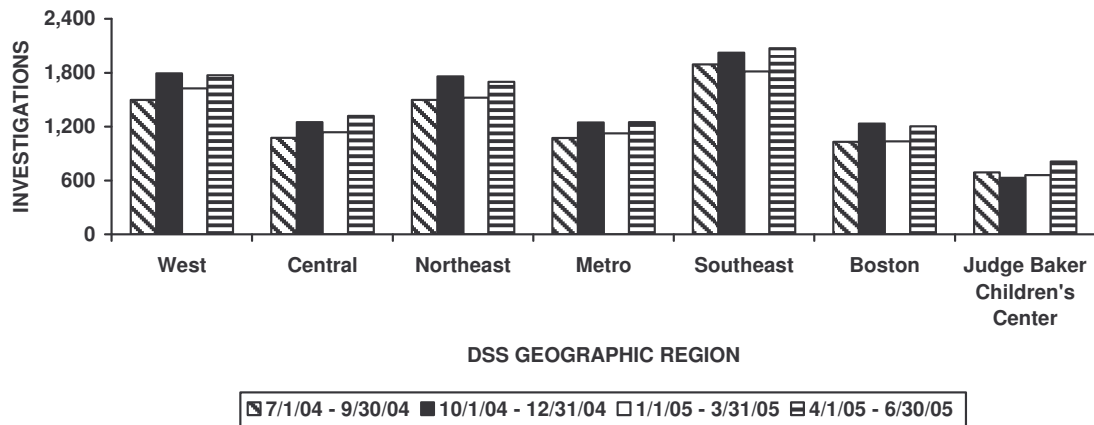
**FIGURE 19. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT INVESTIGATIONS
(INVESTIGATION DECISION BY DSS REGION)
FY'2005, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/05 - 6/30/05)**



**FIGURE 20. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS BY DSS REGION
(FY'2005, 1ST QUARTER - FY'2005, 4TH QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 21. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT INVESTIGATIONS BY DSS REGION
(FY'2005, 1ST QUARTER - FY'2005, 4TH QUARTER)**



DA Referrals

- During the 4th Quarter of FY'2005, 1,248 cases were referred to District Attorneys (DAs) (See table below). Forty-four percent of case referrals to DAs were mandatory referrals¹⁹ and 56% were discretionary referrals²⁰ (**Fig. 22**). There was a 3% increase in case referrals compared to the previous quarter.

Case Referrals*

Date	Mandatory		Discretionary		Total
	No.	%	No.	%	No.
FY'01, Q3	380	43%	504	57%	884
FY'01, Q4	435	48%	468	52%	903
FY'02, Q1	341	46%	403	54%	744
FY'02, Q2	421	45%	507	55%	928
FY'02, Q3	443	42%	614	58%	1,057
FY'02, Q4	494	45%	616	55%	1,110
FY'03, Q1	477	46%	555	54%	1,032
FY'03, Q2	488	48%	530	52%	1,018
FY'03, Q3	525	46%	611	54%	1,136
FY'03, Q4	599	49%	614	51%	1,213
FY'04, Q1	527	52%	489	48%	1,016
FY'04, Q2	489	45%	586	55%	1,075
FY'04, Q3	527	45%	655	55%	1,182
FY'04, Q4	558	45%	669	55%	1,227
FY'05, Q1	500	49%	518	51%	1,018
FY'05, Q2	500	45%	603	55%	1,103
FY'05, Q3	575	47%	637	53%	1,212
FY'05, Q4	547	44%	701	56%	1,248

(*) DA referrals approved during the Quarter.

- Sexual abuse accounted for 78% of the reasons for mandatory case referrals²¹ during the 4th Quarter of FY'2005 (**Fig. 23, Table 15** on following pages). Twenty-one percent of the case referral reasons were for serious physical abuse.

¹⁹ Mandatory referrals to District Attorneys (and local law enforcement authorities) are made following a DSS investigation that results in a supported report of severe child maltreatment (sexual abuse, severe physical abuse, or death). Mandatory referrals are also made when a maltreatment report is either screened-out or unsupported, on the basis that the alleged perpetrator did not meet the definition of caretaker, but the allegations match one of the aforementioned maltreatment categories.

²⁰ There are two categories of discretionary referrals: (1) DSS may immediately report cases of serious physical injury to the District Attorney; or (2) DSS may refer other matters involving possible criminal conduct (including but not limited to cases of abuse or neglect) to the District Attorney, regardless of whether the maltreatment report is supported or unsupported.

²¹ **A mandatory case referral may include more than one reason.**

- Table 16 (on page 57) displays a breakdown of case referrals by type and county. In general, the number of referrals was directly related to the population size for the county. Referral counts were highest for the largest counties, Essex, Middlesex, Worcester, and Suffolk. Based on a comparison of county populations, Hampden County (encompassing city of Springfield) had a higher number of referrals than expected and Norfolk County had a lower number.

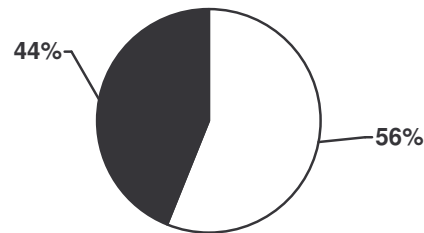
Reasons for Mandatory Referrals

<i>Date</i>	Sexual Abuse		Physical Abuse		<i>Death</i>		Total
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.
FY'01, Q3	303	75%	91	23%	8	2%	402
FY'01, Q4	346	77%	102	23%	3	1%	451
FY'02, Q1	295	83%	57	16%	5	1%	357
FY'02, Q2	329	75%	107	24%	5	1%	441
FY'02, Q3	361	78%	90	20%	9	2%	460
FY'02, Q4	398	78%	111	22%	3	1%	512
FY'03, Q1	409	82%	84	17%	8	2%	501
FY'03, Q2	412	82%	88	18%	--	--	500
FY'03, Q3	412	76%	123	23%	6	1%	541
FY'03, Q4	455	73%	166	27%	5	1%	626
FY'04, Q1	459	83%	87	16%	9	2%	555
FY'04, Q2	385	76%	114	23%	5	1%	504
FY'04, Q3	414	76%	127	23%	6	1%	547
FY'04, Q4	455	78%	122	21%	6	1%	583
FY'05, Q1	412	80%	97	19%	4	1%	513
FY'05, Q2	398	77%	113	22%	5	1%	516
FY'05, Q3	461	79%	124	21%	2	*	587
FY'05, Q4	444	78%	122	21%	2	*	568

* = less than 1% after rounding-off

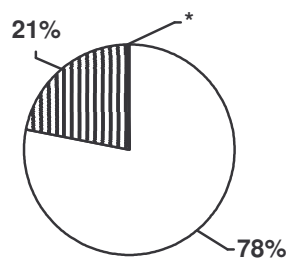
DA REFERRALS FY'2005, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/05 - 6/30/05)

**FIGURE 22. TYPE OF CASE REFERRAL
(Case Count)**



□ DISCRETIONARY 701 ■ MANDATORY 547

**FIGURE 23. REASON FOR MANDATORY REFERRALS
(Reason Count)**



* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

□ SEXUAL ABUSE 444 ▨ PHYSICAL ABUSE 122 ■ DEATH 2

NOTE: A case referral may include more than one reason (more than one type of maltreatment).

TABLE 15. REASONS FOR MANDATORY CASE REFERRALS TO DISTRICT ATTORNEYS:
FY'2005, 4th QUARTER (4/1/05 - 6/30/05)

Nature of Abuse	Reasons	
	No.	%
Sexual Abuse:	444	78%
Sexual Assault	409	
Sexual Exploitation	35	
.....		
Serious Physical Abuse:	122	21%
.....		
Death:	2	*
Total Reasons for Mandatory Referrals	568	100%

* = less than 1% after rounding-off

TABLE 16. CASE REFERRALS BY TYPE AND COUNTY ⁽¹⁾: FY'2005, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/05 - 6/30/05)

County ⁽²⁾	Case Referrals				Total No.
	Discretionary		Mandatory		
	No.	%	No.	%	
Essex	121	44%	155	56%	276
Middlesex	110	56%	88	44%	198
Worcester	102	64%	57	36%	159
Suffolk	105	69%	48	31%	153
Hampden	74	57%	55	43%	129
Bristol	37	41%	53	59%	90
Plymouth	45	71%	18	29%	63
Norfolk	26	50%	26	50%	52
Berkshire	14	37%	24	63%	38
Franklin	23	82%	5	18%	28
Hampshire	21	75%	7	25%	28
Barnstable	10	67%	5	33%	15
Dukes	1	100%	---	---	1
OUT OF STATE	12	67%	6	33%	18
Total	701	56%	547	44%	1,248

⁽¹⁾ DA referrals approved during the Quarter.

⁽²⁾ County where the child resides.